

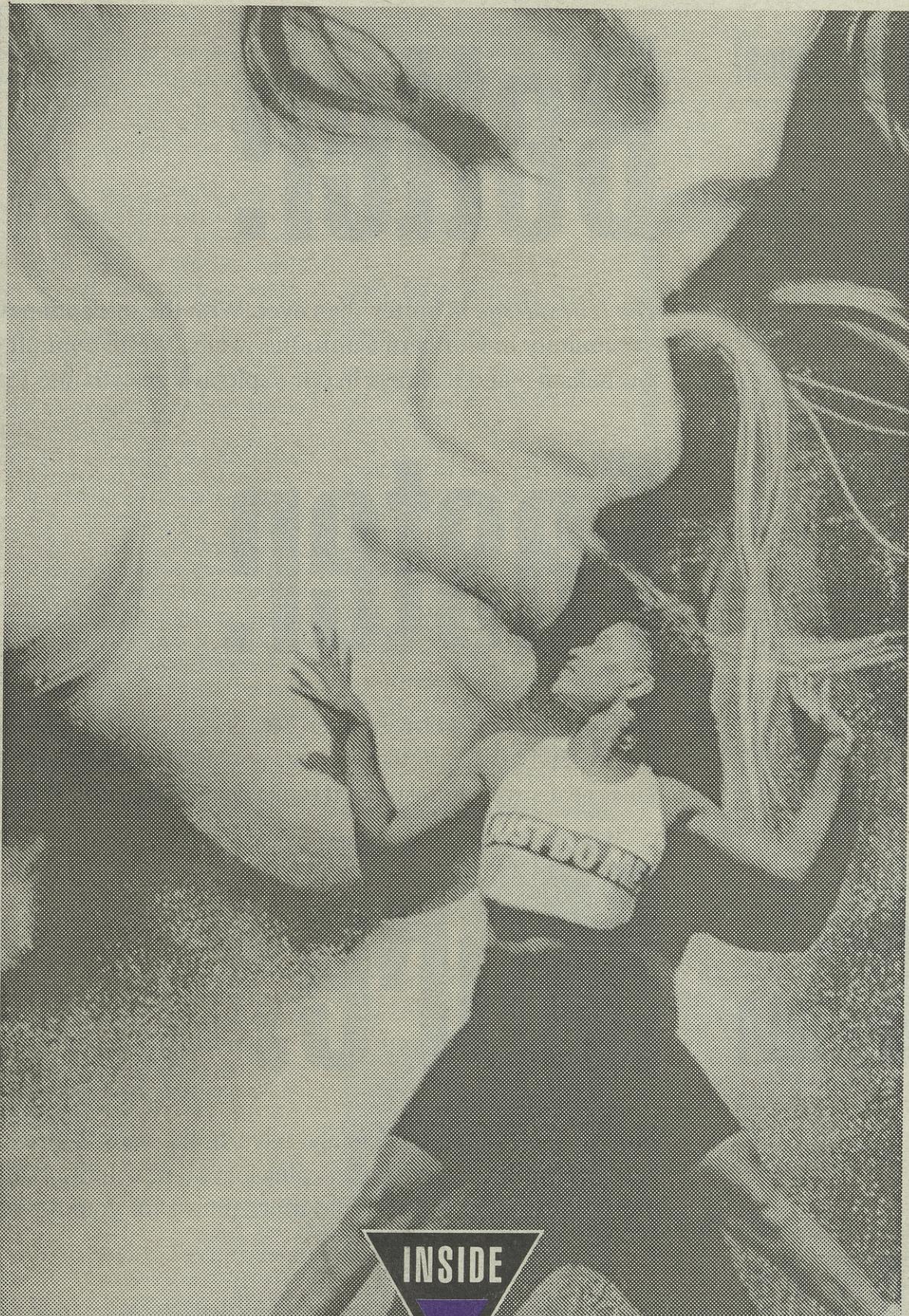
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# Really I Must Say!

## An Old Dude Speaks

by Michael R. Gorman

My column this month is directed toward the teenagers in our community. You old folks can listen in if you want, then hand this column to a kid you know. But this one is for you under-20 types.

Why should you guys listen to some old guy you probably haven't even met? Good question. Maybe you shouldn't. Of course you don't have to believe a word I write, so what could it hurt? And old dudes can be cool to have around sometimes, my son assures me. When he needs to see some issue from an historic perspective, I'm as good as a history book and easier to access.

I share what I can of my experience and my scars with my son because I want to make his path a little smoother than mine was.

I try to be honest about the world. Too many adults aren't. I keep hoping he won't get broadsided by stuff as much as I was. I love him. I love his generation. You guys. You're so much cooler and more sophisticated than my generation was at your age. You're more tolerant. You're more honest. You're braver. I'm looking forward to the things you're going to give to this tired world. That's why I wanted to write to you.

See, there's something that's been on my mind lately. It all started with a fourteen-year-old guy named E.J. Byington.

I don't know if you remember E.J. He was the guy who came out of the Capital Christian Center three Easters ago and joined the gay, lesbian and bi protestors gathered with the Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence out on the street. He got put on the news. As a result, the church rejected him, his cousin beat him, and his aunt kicked him out of the house. We found him a foster home here in Sacramento, and he ended up coming out of the closet, thanks to the support of other teenagers at the Lambda Community Center.

When the state of Nebraska (they had legal guardianship over him) found out he was hanging out with gay friends, they took him back to Nebraska and put him in a military family. He ran away. Then they put him in a group home where he got beaten up for being gay. He ran away again, but they put him back in the home. He was beaten again. Finally they put him with his grandmother in Minneapolis, but when she found out he was gay she kicked him out too. He was beaten unconscious in an alley that night and "rescued" by a pimp. He ended up calling for help from a pay phone on the corner he was working.

Gay people have connections. With the help of this really cool, really butch straight lady activist in Minneapolis, we snatched him off the streets. The Sisters provided a plane ticket back to California. When E.J.'s homophobic social worker in Nebraska found out he was back in California, she almost had a cow, but none of us could remember (heh heh) where E.J. was staying, so we couldn't help her get him back.

E.J. lived in San Francisco for almost two years. He had a gay foster dad who loved him. He was beginning to heal even though it wasn't easy after all he'd been through. Last fall, Nebraska finally managed to take him back. He was seventeen. He was hurt. He was scared underneath it all. He was in despair about the idiot adult world that couldn't even get its shit together enough to just let him grow up honestly and safely. He couldn't see a way out. He couldn't imagine

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## Thank you Paul Starr-Fuhr

Dear Editor

As the Co-Chair of this year's Lambda Freedom Fair and as a friend, I would like to extend a personal thank you to the family of Paul Starr-Fuhr for the generosity in naming his remembrances to the Lambda Freedom Fair Fund.

As a Co-founder of the Lesbian and Gay Business Alliance, I depended on Paul and Mike to help shape and guide the group into the healthy organization it is today. As a friend, he listened and cared. I'll miss him, but knowing him was a gift I will always cherish.

Kevin Cohee

## Are We Expecting Too Much?

Dear Editor,

*Re: "Where's Your Anger?" mid-January 1995*

In his editorial "Where's Your Anger?", Michael R. Gorman asks why many gays and lesbians don't stand up with righteous anger to the injustices that may occur against certain individuals within the lesbian and gay community.

There may be many possible explanations for the seeming inaction and silence among many gays and lesbians depending on one's point of view. For example, maybe Michael R. Gorman expects too much from a widely diverse group of people who often

have little in common other than the fact that they share a sexual orientation that is different from that of a majority of the people on the planet?

Maybe most gay men are too self-absorbed and too preoccupied with finding their next sexual conquest to be bothered with issues that affect others? Maybe most lesbians are too preoccupied with being in couples or participating in sports such as softball?

On the other hand, maybe most gays and lesbians are well-adjusted people who love and respect themselves as much as others? Maybe most gays and lesbians realize that they are not vic-

tims, and that they are supported in a safe world where kindness and love is the rule and not the exception?

Maybe most gays and lesbians understand that those who claim to hate them are only operating from fears that stem from ignorance, and that they should bless those who hate them with love and forgiveness instead of condemning and attacking them?

Maybe most gays and lesbians follow their own inner guidance and know that they have the power to positively affect their world simply by choosing thoughts of love instead of fear? Maybe someday??

David Gray

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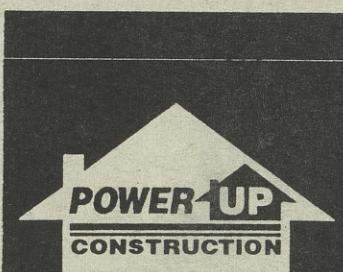
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## COMMENTARY

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how things could get any better. In late January, at his new foster home in Nebraska, he hung himself.

I've cried a lot of tears for E.J. I want to believe he's in San Francisco somewhere making out with a cute guy. I want to know he's where I can call him to tell him that things will maybe get better. But he's not. He's dead.

Some of the tears I cry are for myself; I miss him in the world. I want to believe that the noise I keep making at protests and in print can make it better for the ones who come after me. For my son. For you. For E.J. it was too little too late and that really pisses me off. At the world. At myself. I don't know.

I've been remembering how it felt to be a gay kid in this agist, homophobic world, having to watch every movie and TV show tell me I don't fit in. You get bombarded every day by the message that you aren't as important as adults, that your ideas don't count, that your needs come second. You are taught that your

sexuality is bad, godless, sick. And if you develop a little bit of an attitude about the way you are treated, they harass you about being a troublemaker. Hell, if half the adults you deal with every day had to put up with the shit you do for only a single day, they'd be crawling to the looney bin.

I want to be able to tell you that it's going to get better. I want to be able to tell you that the world will wake up and realize that you have a right to grow up respected, safe and unharassed. I want to be able to tell you that there is a phone number you can call and someone will grant you a happy adolescence. I can't. Damn it!

But there is one thing I can tell you. You won't always be a teenager. One day you'll wake up and be an adult, and there will be a measure of power that comes with that. If you make it through the crap that you face now, you will eventually be able to make more of the decisions for yourself. And you know what? As a gay or lesbian or bisexual or gay-friendly person who survived the homophobia, you will have a deep well of strength that other people cannot even imagine. Some of us turn that power back on ourselves because we believed the lie that we aren't as good as other people. If you can reject that lie for the bullshit it is and turn your strength outward, you will make an incredible impact on the world.

In the meantime, please make me a promise. Please make yourself a promise. Survive. Hang in there. I know you can do it. I did, and I'm the most sensitive sissy I know. We need you. We need the beauty that is inside you, even if nobody recognizes it yet. Our community has lost too many people, to AIDS, to cancer, to murder, to suicide. You are the ones who can give us a future. Help us fight back by promising to be around.

There will be times when it will seem like the pain or the loneliness is too much, and living isn't worth it. I wish I could protect you from those times, but I can't. Nobody can. But you can wait them out if you make the decision to be a survivor. You really can.

I want all the gay boys and the baby dykes and the bi kids and the straight kids who love their gay friends and family to raise their right hands (middle finger extended if you like) and repeat after me: "I'm going to make it through this, goddamnit! And then they'll see!"

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# Around-the-Nation

## NGLTF To Counter GOP Majority With a Coalition

by Richard Shumate

The National Gay and Lesbian Task Force plans to deal with America's swing to the right by emphasizing grassroots organizing and by strengthening coalitions with other groups adversely affected by the GOP agenda.

That vision for the NGLTF, as outlined by its new executive director, Melinda Paras, was endorsed by group's board of directors at a meeting in Atlanta on Jan. 28. It was the board's first meeting since her controversial appointment was made in December.

"I think it's important to say that the Republican majority is not good for the gay and lesbian community," says Paras. "That doesn't mean that we're saying that all Republicans are anti-gay."

Calling the GOP's "Contract With America" a "Contract On America," Paras says that the task force will try to link issues seemingly ancillary to gay rights, such as immigration and welfare reform, to the gay community's agenda by emphasizing the community's diversity -- that gays and lesbians are also members of these groups under attack. And,

Paras told the board, making alliances with these other groups is consistent with the task force's traditional philosophy of progressive grassroots organizing.

"Part of our challenge is to strive for what kind of world we want to build," says Paras. "Lesbian and gay rights will not get won in an atmosphere where other people are being deprived of their rights."

With a show of hands, the members of the board endorsed Paras' vision for the NGLTF's political agenda, including alliances with other liberal political groups.

"We need to show up at the door and say, 'How can we help and what can we do,'" says Deborah Johnson-Rolon, one of the board's two co-chairs.

But even Paras admits that it may be hard to rally the entire community to get involved in is-

sues and fights that would seem outside the struggle for gay/lesbian rights.

"Our community is not always cognizant of who it is. There are portions of the gay/lesbian community that will say, 'That's not an attack on me,'" says Paras.

The approach of NGLTF in the new Republican era contrasts with the approach taken by the other large national gay rights group, the Human Rights Campaign Fund.

Since the election, HRCF has been running newspaper ads pointing out its view that gay/lesbian rights is a non-partisan issue. Lobbyists for the group have also been approaching the new members of Congress and its new leaders, including House Speaker Newt Gingrich, with the same message.

But given the influence of the religious right with members of the new GOP majority, Paras says she doesn't believe lobbying members of the Congress is the most effective approach.

"I don't think the Republican majority is very interested in the gay vote. They owe much more to the religious right than they do to the Log Cabin Republicans," she says. Instead, NGLTF will emphasize strengthening grassroots gay/lesbian groups in the

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districts of members of Congress so that these groups can put pressure on their elected officials.

The NGLTF board's latest meeting, held at the Martin Luther King Jr. Center for Non-Violent Social Change in Atlanta, comes as the nation's oldest gay rights organization tries to counter an avalanche of bad publicity -- and an image of a group in disarray.

Paras, 41, is the fourth executive director in as many years, and her appointment was assailed by some critics because of her past ties to Marxist groups in the Philippines and Cuba and also because of financial irregularities

during her tenure as deputy director of the Shanti Project in San Francisco.

The budget of the 32,000-member NGLTF had to be slashed twice last year, by nearly \$2 million, because of shortfalls, and several staff members have left since Paras' appointment, including legislative director Tanya Domi and former executive director Pere Jude Radecic.

The board's weekend meeting in Atlanta, including discussion of strategic, personnel and budget issues, was closed to the press except for the session outlining the group's future political strategy. The board also held a town hall meeting with local residents.

## Freedom Riders to Bus to Ovett

Memorial Day Weekend (May 26-30, 1995) will once again be memorable for Mississippi as 1,000 gays and lesbians from all across America ride to the aid of a lesbian family and their besieged property outside Ovett.

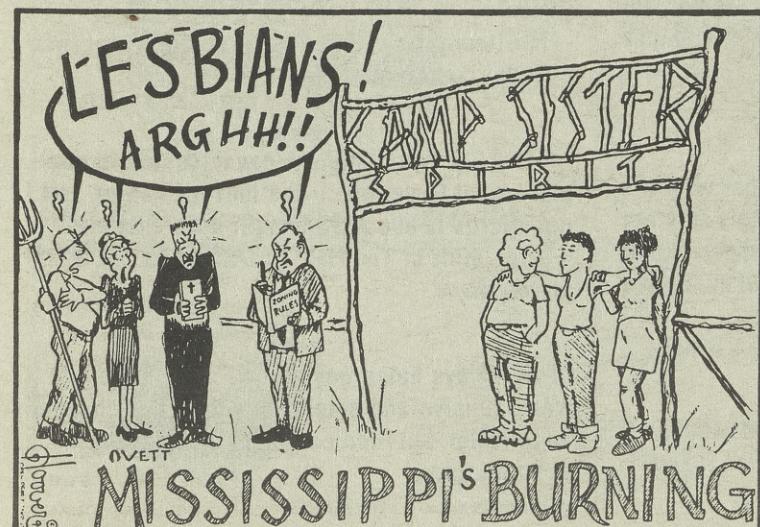
Since November 1993, lesbian

partners Wanda & Brenda Henson, along with numerous volunteers, have defended their 120 acre "Camp Sister Spirit" folkschool from an ongoing, religious-right-inspired campaign of violence, harassment, intimidation and death threats. There

have been over 64 incidents to date, including telephone death threats, mail-bomb threats, explosives at their gate and a dead dog tied to their mailbox. They sleep with rifles next to their bed. Mississippi Family Values was created for the purpose of finding ways to "oust" Sister Spirit Inc. from their land. The climate of hatred that has been spawned in the surrounding communities is palpable and deadly. Two gay men were murdered recently just 15 miles away.

This climate of aggression briefly attracted the attention of Attorney General Janet Reno who sent Justice Department representatives to Ovett to investigate the situation last year. The Justice Dept. concluded that the Federal government could not help because gays and lesbians are not covered under current

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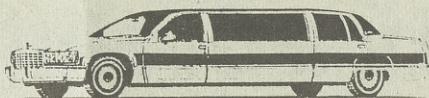
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# Quote, Unquote

by Rex Wockner

"Barbra Streisand said, 'Would you like to have your life story all over TV?' and I said, 'No, not particularly.' She told me that she felt this issue was the most important of our decade. At that point, I felt that if she feels it's that important, then it's not for me to stand in the way of this happening." —Col. Margarethe 'Grethe' Cammermeyer, the highest-ranking person ever kicked out of the military for being gay, to Los Angeles' *Lesbian News* on her life story that aired Feb. 6 on NBC.

"I have a very fertile imagination so it really wasn't a tremendously huge leap to imagine myself falling in love with a woman. Falling in love is falling in love, be it with a man or a woman. I don't think the emotions one feels are any different. It was a profound experience." —Glenn Close to the *Lesbian News* on playing Cammermeyer.

"[I'm] kind of annoyed at myself that I hadn't taken an interest in what his views were [on gay issues] before now. I realized that I hadn't known anything about it before then and I should have made a point to follow those things... Now that I look back, I kind of feel like I've been a bad gay person. Maybe I should have done something but I didn't. Hey, it's never too late to start." —Candace Gingrich, lesbian sister of Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives Newt Gingrich, to the *Washington Blade*.

"Not that I actually have anything against piercing, it's... just... well... I'm a 36-year-old woman in my sexual peak and I don't want anybody coming at my who-who with a drill." —Comedian Lea DeLaria in her column in Los Angeles' *Lesbian News*.

"America is where I came out. I slept with half of it — and came out HIV-negative. I was a lucky, lucky person... As long as I live, I will help fight this cause." —Elton John at AIDS Project Los Angeles' recent blowout benefit.

"It hasn't hurt my career obviously to play Andrew Beckett (in 'Philadelphia') and I hope it will pave the way for other actors to be unafraid to take gay roles." —Tom Hanks at the APLA benefit.

"I think safe sex has slipped the other way. It's disturbing to me. I was at Fire Island this summer and it was just like pre-AIDS. I was shocked that people were partying all night; friends of mine were sleeping with guys every night." —Actress Sandra Bernhard at the APLA benefit.

"Heterosexuality is not normal, it's just common." —An ad in the Austrian gay magazine *Lambda Nachrichten* from AIDS Help Vienna.

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"I've done some research and I've found that he is not homosexual."

—Charlotte Hornets basketball team Director of Player Personnel Dave Twardzik in reference to Duke University basketball star Christian Laettner, who has playfully facilitated speculation that he and his roommate are a couple.

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"You remember Della [Street], played by Barbara Hale. She's Perry Mason's secretary with that Dianne Feinstein, *Planet of the Apes* hairdo. The only man you ever saw Della with was Perry Mason, who spent an inordinate amount of time with Paul Drake. Paul and Perry are always going into that mysterious back room. What did they have back there, a sling? Now that we know Raymond Burr's story, we realize Della was a beard. Who makes the best beards for gay men? Lesbians. Come on, it's the 1990s! Della should come out. ABC needs one more Perry Mason Mystery Movie: *Della Street and the Case of the Missing Dildo.*" —Comic Lea DeLaria in her column in Los Angeles' *Lesbian News*.

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"AIDS has not made deep inroads into mainstream American life."

—The Associated Press Feb. 1 de-mainstreaming gays.

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"The simple truth is, (U.S. Rep.) Richard Armey (who made the 'Barney Fag' remark) has a thing about homosexuals. He believes they are depraved human beings who engage in immoral behavior, which should be stopped or discouraged. Why will he not admit this? He thinks homosexuals should be hunted down and discharged from the military, subjected to mandatory testing if they contract a virus and actively discriminated against in the workplace and many voluntary organizations. Why on earth wouldn't such a person use the term 'fag'? It would at least render his rhetoric consistent with his beliefs."

—Andrew Sullivan, editor of *The New Republic*.

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"Long ridiculed and disapproved by a conservative and tradition-bound society, India's middle-class gays are slowly coming out of the closet, to the puzzlement and consternation of their relatives."

—The Reuter news service's take on the recent first-ever gay conference in India.

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"I feel like I've ridden the gay thing long enough, and I want to get off... It's hurt my career... all I get offered is one AIDS benefit after another." —Scott "Kids In The Hall" Thompson to the *Washington Blade*.

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"I've always hated gay drag. I always thought it was offensive and stupid. Gay drag has changed an awful lot, but I don't consider lip-synching much of an art form."

—Thompson to *The Blade*.

# Around the Capitol

## Women In Over Our Heads

SACWN will present the Bay Area's funniest improvisational comedy group, Over Our Heads, on March 17 at the Red Lion Inn, 2001 Point West Way, Sacramento.

The four versatile women of Over Our Heads perform a new show every time, skillfully mixing improvisational comedy based on audience suggestions and hilarious pre-written songs.

Tickets are \$15 for subscribers and \$20 for non-subscribers and at the door. This program is for women over 21 years of age only. For more information, call SACWN at (916) 451-8034.

## Deaf Connections at Lambda

The Lambda Center, serving the local gay, lesbian and bisexual community, now has Telecommunication Device for the Deaf, courtesy of United Way Sacramento Area.

The purpose of this service is to expand the Center's communication into the Deaf Community, and to provide AIDS information and service referrals. Karen Moors, an AmeriCorps member, is working as a liaison

between the Lambda Community Center and the Northern California Center on Deafness.

The TDD/TTy machine is the first step of a major joint project in AIDS education and Outreach into the Deaf/Hearing Impaired Community, a community that is often forgotten in the fight against AIDS.

"The Deaf community has been out-of-sight, out-of-mind for too long," said Community Coordinator Karen Moors. "This program is being designed to provide services specifically for the Deaf/Hearing Impaired population with the goal of community empowerment, to get them into the AIDS information loop." For more information call the Lambda Community Center at (916) 442-0185.

## Ms. Leather Contest Planned

K.B. Productions and Venus Envy are proud to announce the "Ms. Leather Sacramento 1995" contest to be held on March 25 at 8 p.m. at Jammin' Jo's Sports Bar on Broadway Avenue in Sacramento. Admission to the event is payable at the door on a sliding scale of \$5 to \$10. Proceeds from the contest will benefit the Sacramento AIDS Foundation and the Lambda Center's Health

Education Awareness for Lesbians (H.E.A.L.) program.

The competition will be judged in the following segments: Speech, interview, leather image and the popular fantasy segment. In the fantasy segment, contestants will present a personal rendition of a leather scenario expressing their individual views and fantasies.

This event promises to be a great night of entertainment for leather enthusiasts as well as a fund raiser for two of Sacramento's most worthy charitable organizations.

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## Interfaith Conference

Sacramento Valley and Foothills AIDS Interfaith Network will be sponsoring a conference on Saturday February 25. The first annual conference is entitled Reaching out: "An interfaith response to AIDS." The conference will be held at St. Johns Lutheran Church, 1701 L St. and will begin at 9 a.m. The keynote speaker will be Rev. David Martin the executive director of Marin AIDS Interfaith Network. The address will be followed by a series of workshops which will include: AIDS Education and Prevention,

Youth and AIDS Education, AIDS 101, Dealing with AIDS related stigma, Spiritual resources for healing.

The workshops will conclude at 4:30 p.m. The cost of the conference is \$12 for advanced registration, and \$15 at the door, this conference fee will include lunch. Scholarships will be available through Sacramento AIDS Interfaith Network. For further information on registration please call (916) 393-5367.

## Working As Gay Republicans

As a result of Republican gains nationally and in California in last November's elections, Log Cabin California and local Log Cabin clubs will have a much more prominent role in influencing elected officials, State President Barbara Chiodo announced.

Legislative objectives of the Task Force will include protecting funding for HIV programs, opposing any proposed legislation for mandatory HIV testing or weakening of confidentiality, and working in support of domestic partners legislation in California. In 1994, Log Cabin California actively lobbied in support of Assembly Bill 2810, which would have allowed domestic partnership registration with the Secre-

tary of State.

"We have a rare and incredible opportunity at hand," Chiodo said. "We are at the threshold of a new era. We have the ability to determine where we will go in the future, and we have the ability to make our ideals of individual liberty and inclusiveness a reality."

She added that several local Log Cabin clubs are conducting retreats to strategize for the future. The annual Log Cabin California State Conference will be devoted to organizing a strategy for maximum effectiveness with the Republican majority.

The Log Cabin California State Conference will be held between March 24 - 26 at the Embassy Pacific Suites Hotel and Convention Center in San Luis Obispo. For additional information, please contact Barbara Chiodo at (415) 593-9576.

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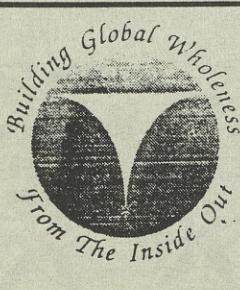
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Dear Friends,

Three Snaps Up Presents would like to thank everyone who attended Gay Day (Plunge) at Raging Waters waterslide theme park in San Jose and Gay Day (Pride Friday) at Paramount's Great America in Santa Clara in 1994. With your support we met our minimum guarantees for both events and we were able to give one dollar from each ticket sold to our designated charities.

Three Snaps Up Presents was a major contributor to the effort to bring the AIDS Memorial Quilt to San Jose for the first time. Our contribution of \$2,417 (\$1.00 from each ticket sold at Plunge) represented nearly a third of the total funds raised. In addition, Three Snaps Up Presents donated \$3,957.00 (\$1.00 from each ticket sold at Pride Friday) to Ellipse Peninsula AIDS services and support organization.

On Friday, May 12, 1995 Three Snaps Up Presents will have its 2nd annual exclusive gay and lesbian private party (Pride Friday) at Paramount's Great America. This year admission includes unlimited use of all attractions including TOP GUN, VORTEX, GRIZZLY, THE EDGE, TIDAL WAVE, DAYS OF THUNDER, THE REVOLUTION AND THE DEMON (does not include kids rides). Also Nickelodeon, Ice Shows, and Pictorium will be available for your enjoyment. In addition enjoy special entertainment with music and dancing. We are also happy to announce new extended hours for this years event (7:00 p.m. to Midnight). If we meet our minimum guarantee of 5,000 persons we will give \$1.00 from each ticket sold to Ellipse Peninsula AIDS Services.

On Sunday, September 17, 1995 Three Snaps Up Presents will have its 4th annual exclusive gay day at Raging Waters waterslide theme park in San Jose. This years event features a newly added monster size WAVE POOL, live entertainment, and much more. Admission includes unlimited use of all water attractions, a hamburger lunch, and unlimited beverages (beer, wine, and soda) between 11:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. We will give \$1.00 from each ticket sold to charity provided we meet our guaranteed minimum of 3,000 persons in attendance.

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Thanks again,

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# Russian River

## Resort Area Returning To Normal After the Flood

by David Borad

**R**allying from the January floods, business owners in the Russian River community of Guerneville are recovering, repairing, and readying for the Summer season of 1995.

The optimistic mood was best expressed by Glenn Dixon of the Highland Dell Inn, "I'm not going to let the flood get in my way to have a good year."

Dixon and his partners own the Highland Dell Inn and Molly Brown's which are two of the hardest hit businesses in town. He confirmed the damage was "As bad as anyone and them some." Indeed, Highland Dell Inn was hard hit -- the losses include all 6100 square feet of the first floor together with all the first floor antiques and personal living spaces. The water reached 7 1/2 feet, but fortunately the second and third floors were spared.

Amazingly, the frame of the 90 year old building, heavily damaged in the 1986 floods, is in relatively good shape. However, the floors, walls, insulation, and wiring for the ground floor will all have to be replaced, along with \$200,000 worth of antiques. The owners will rebuild though, and anticipate being open by Memorial Day.

Molly Brown's, Dixon's other

property, is not so lucky. The damage is quite extensive and as the building is leased the likelihood of repairing it is looking grim. Dixon lamented that the insurance for the building is limited to half of the appraised value, not nearly enough money to repair the damage. Further, he expressed frustration with being "wrangled in the county maze" trying to find money to restore the structure.

Other businesses in the area have fared better. Ring Canyon Campground's new owner, Jacqueline Barrett, was very enthusiastic. "Everyone is rallying,

the state of mind is incredible," she said. New to the area, Barrett's property was lucky. "We are the only campground that does not flood. We had lots of runoff but no damage."

Rick Reese of The Willows, was not as fortunate. "Hard to put onto words," was his response to questions about the extent of the damage. The frustration was evident in his voice when explain-

ing the extent of damage. Nonetheless, Reese has a positive attitude as well. "I want to emphasize by mid spring early summer we will be back better than ever." Reese stressed that many of the downtown Guerneville shops are open, and that perhaps the media coverage has portrayed the damage as worse than it really is. He expects the summer season will be good. Reese was quick to

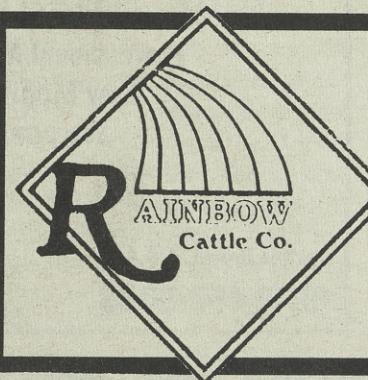
qualify that with a prudent view that it will be a slow Spring and that a good Summer will be dependent on word of mouth that the area is recovering.

In all, the attitude of the residents is upbeat. While the damage was intense, this is a community dedicated to returning to normal as quickly as possible.



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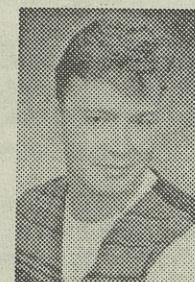
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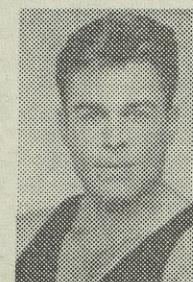
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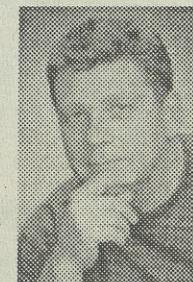
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# The AIDS File

## A Pound Of Prevention Doesn't Equal a Cure

by Bruce Mirken

AIDS prevention is both an ongoing success story and an ongoing conundrum. The good news is that the safe sex campaigns that began in gay communities around the country during

the early eighties have made a difference: The rate of new AIDS cases among gay men has tapered off significantly, and the best data available suggests that the rate of new HIV infections among gay men remains far lower than in the early days of the epidemic.

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The bad news is that significant numbers of us--particularly young men in their teens and early twenties--continue to seroconvert.

So it's refreshing to be able to report a bit of good news. A while back I devoted a column to trashing the misleading and inconsistent educational materials that some of our organizations put out, but one of those agencies, the San Francisco AIDS Foundation, recently started one of the best HIV education campaigns I've ever seen.

The campaign consists of a series of posters placed in spots where men meet for sex, like sex clubs and porn arcades. The signs are eye-catching and filled with straightforward, practical advice. Best of all, they address how men really behave and have sex, as opposed to dwelling--as too many campaigns have done--on some AIDS educator's fantasy of what we ought to do.

For example, the mantra that Thou Shalt Not Mix Sex With Drugs or Alcohol is a great idea, but also ignores a simple truth: Most gay men drink, quite a few use drugs and many of us have sex after having at least some alcohol--whether it's the beer we had at the bar while cruising or the wine we shared with that romantic dinner for two. Urging people not to drink and fuck is fine, but ignores the thousands who will at least occasionally do it anyway.

One of the new SFAF posters tackles this head on. Instead of thou-shalt-nots, it points out that if you do mix sex with alcohol or drugs you can lower your risk by leaving a supply of condoms and water-based lube in easy reach anywhere you may end up having sex. While a sober person might have no trouble walking across the room and opening a drawer to get a condom, that same person slightly high could

easily say, "Oh, what the hell..." and take a foolish risk.

Other posters give similar common-sense advice about things like unprotected oral sex and use of crystal methamphetamine: Not endorsing anything, just saying, "If you do, here's some ways to make it safer."

Bravo. This long-overdue effort deserves to be copied everywhere.

But it has become clear that dispensing information doesn't automatically stop people from taking risks. People are still getting infected, even some who "knew better."

So what are we to do? The latest fad is to emphasize the psychosocial aspects of AIDS prevention. Gay men who have low self-esteem or who don't feel like they are part of a supportive community, the reasoning goes, are more likely to risk unsafe sex. Dana Van Gorder, the San Francisco Health Department's point-person on gay and lesbian concerns, summed up the argument in a recent article: "HIV prevention should no longer be thought of simply as the effort to keep gay and bisexual men free from HIV, but as a movement to help them grow old, valued and fulfilled."

I'm skeptical.

Don't get me wrong. I think growing old feeling valued and fulfilled is a wonderful idea, and anything that helps us do that is swell. We all bear psychological scars from living in a homophobic, heterosexist society, and no doubt those scars can interfere with our commitment to staying safe. But all the warm, fuzzy feelings in the world are unlikely to make more than a marginal difference in rates of HIV infection.

What Van Gorder and his compatriots miss is that human be-  
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### MISSISSIPPI

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civil rights laws.

With no help from the government in sight, veteran gay and lesbian activists have decided to take the defense of Camp Sister Spirit into their own hands so that Camp Sister Spirit can complete their dream of building a feminist lesbian folk school (an educational and cultural retreat center that makes

# Lesbian Health

## Opening the Door to

# The Breast Cancer Closet

by Michael R. Gorman

**R**eceiving a diagnosis of cancer is a little like being pushed out of a helicopter into a jungle war without any training, any familiarity with the terrain, or any sense of how to survive."

The quote is from Michael Lerner, author of Choices In Healing and the president of the health and environmental research institute called Commonweal. The thin but unshakable voice quoting him belongs to Jayne Rountree, long-time Sacramento lesbian activist and crusader against breast cancer, her own and others'.

Jayne is perhaps best known in Sacramento as the founder of Rainbow Real Estate Professionals which has grown into a well-respected business network. She was also a founding member of Sacramento Area Career Women's Network (SACAWN). She

came to Sacramento in the mid 80's after a career in nursing in Los Angeles and a short sojourn of self-discovery in Mount Shasta. Out of the closet about her sexuality since the age of 14 in the 1950's, Jane these days finds herself fighting a different kind of closet, the silence and denial surrounding the epidemic of breast cancer among lesbians.

In 1987 Jayne was diagnosed. She went through a mastectomy, the removal of her breast, and was pronounced cured. In March of 1994, she went to her doctor with breathing difficulties. X-rays revealed a recurrence of her cancer in her lungs. More recently

she began a battle with ovarian cancer.

"The doctor that I'm seeing at UCD seems to think that there's a genetic link between breast cancer and ovarian cancer. And in a conversation we had the other day, he commented that the incidence of ovarian cancer was much higher in lesbians because we haven't had children and we don't take birth control pills."

Indeed, according to The American Cancer Society 1 in 8 women will face breast cancer in their lifetimes. A 1993 report by National Cancer Institute researcher Suzanne Haynes indicated an even higher risk associated with childlessness, late childbearing, obesity, and alcohol consumption. Because some studies indicate that these risk factors are more prevalent in lesbians than in heterosexual women, Haynes concluded that lesbians have a greater risk of developing breast cancer, possibly as high as 1 in 3.

According to The Breast Cancer Fund, a San Francisco based research and education foundation, 1.8 million women in this country have been diagnosed with breast cancer and another 1 million do not know they have it. (By the time a lump shows up on an x-ray, it may have been growing for eight years.) This year 182,000 women and 1000 men will learn they have the cancer, and 46,000 will die of it. It is the leading cause of death in women ages 40 to 44, and the leading cause of cancer deaths in women 15 to 54.

"It saddens me that people are not more aware of the epidemic of cancer in the women's community. And I hold the women responsible for that too, in that there is so much denial. If the women are not aware for themselves, I can't hold the men responsible for not being aware and doing more," commented Rountree in discussing the lack of resources for those fighting cancer in the gay and lesbian community.

She added, "I am angry about the fact that we do have a test for prostate cancer and we don't have a test for breast cancer. Only 13% of the health care dollar goes to women's health issues. I know that if men's penises were being cut off with the frequency and the cavalierness that women are losing their breasts, we'd certainly be farther down the road

toward finding out what the problem is. I have some anger about the inequity."

Despite her decade of dedication to the Sacramento lesbian and gay community, Rountree is virtually alone in her battle with cancer. Illness brought on by her chemotherapy has left her unable to leave her house for extended periods of time. She has had one regular visitor. When she is too sick to cook, there is no Meals on Wheels program to serve her need. There are no Hand to Hand programs for those days when

of regular police raids. She has been a mover and a shaker in setting up the Lambda Community Center and in sparking the city's response to AIDS. Now that she is facing a disease herself, she must fight the anger of feeling neglected by the community she has served so tirelessly.

Marghe was diagnosed in the spring of 1992. A recheck of her 1989 mammogram showed the cancer present even then, but the doctors had not recognized it. By '92 it had reached one of her lymph nodes. She had a

## Lesbians have a greater risk of developing breast cancer, possibly as high as 1 in 3.

the loneliness is palpable. There are no social workers doing the research to provide her with connections to resources when she is too weak to look for them herself.

Says Marghe Covino, a leading Sacramento activist and founder of Project Toxin, who is also battling breast cancer, "Nobody in the community owes anybody anything, but in the interest of fairness, the resources that are there for one should be there for the other. Men who have AIDS can find someone to provide their meals, walk their dogs, clean their houses, help them fill out health forms. . . Lesbians dying of cancer have none of that."

Covino has been involved in gay and lesbian civil rights in Sacramento for decades. She was the owner of a bar back in the days

lumpectomy, removing the cancerous lump and 36 lymph nodes. That was followed by radiation therapy which at one point burned her skin severely. She developed another lump which the doctors told her was a harmless cyst. She subsequently lost her medical insurance and had no resources to followup.

Unable to even afford her post surgery medication to prevent recurrence, she went to a wealthy and prominent Sacramento gay male known for his generosity towards AIDS causes. She asked for help to buy her medicine and was turned away. Two months ago when she again had insurance, she had the lump checked again. It was a recurrence of the cancer.

This month, after yet another *continued on page 12*



## BREAST

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surgery, she faces the decision whether or not to undergo debilitating chemotherapy. She is worried about the loss of her job and insurance.

Like Rountree, Covino has received little help within the community because there are almost no resources for lesbian health issues, and the infrastructure set up for AIDS is often bound by its funding parameters to serve only its AIDS constituency.

Donna Sanderson, owner of Academy Engraving and Awards in Rancho Cordova, faced her

battle with breast cancer with the help of a supportive lover, a compassionate doctor, and a small circle of attentive friends. Yet she too acknowledges the dearth of resources for lesbians facing cancer. "Women are so used to being the caretakers that we don't learn how to take care of ourselves, to speak up about our health, to demand attention to women's health."

The need for more attention is becoming more critical. The breast cancer rate has been increasing rapidly in recent years. According to the BCF the rate tripled between 1973 and 1987 for women 30 to 34. For women

ages 35 to 39, it quadrupled. In the San Francisco Bay Area, according to the Northern California Cancer Center, more women develop breast cancer than in any other place in the world. Researchers speculate that environmental factors play a role since women moving into the area develop the cancer at the rate of those already there. There is no research to substantiate the theories, however.

"Women who get it, get it and then whisper about it," explains Covino, "because it's a mutilating disease, and I think they just don't want people to know what's going on under their clothes. Fortunately or unfortunately, I decided to become the breast cancer poster child and start really talking about it out loud. Jayne Rountree and I. But there are incredible numbers of women who come up to me and whisper, 'I've had it.' Some people for twenty years. Women in our community tend to hide and not expect that there should be support in the community for their health. Women who have rallied around AIDS are not here to rally around breast cancer.

I'm operating with the same kind of rage that I felt about AIDS when nobody was paying attention. The same kind of rage as ACT-UP. That same rage is fueling me now. Some of the women who are dying feel that the anger is a waste of time; it's negative energy that is bad for them. And sometimes we're just too sick to get out there. We don't have an infrastructure in the community, so we don't have the time to be active."

Keith Smith, executive director of the Sacramento AIDS Foundation, spoke to the latest ISSUE about the inequity between men's health care and the limited resources for women, "Has there been a marginalization of breast cancer and women's health as opposed to men's issues and AIDS? Yes. I want, as a gay man and as an AIDS activist, to make it a level playing field. Is it possible to do some collaborative

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fundraising? Yes. Is it possible to do some creative grant writing? Yes it is. I would like to see some people step forward that I can work with, people that have a program. If someone can present me with a program and show that the money will actually go toward helping women with breast cancer, I'll work with them. Maybe we could provide cheap office space. Maybe we could address their issues in our newsletter. Right now I don't see any programs. If you have one, come at me. I'm too busy to do it myself, but I'll work with someone who can."

Smith's comment reflects the slowly growing awareness of the shortfall in women's healthcare. In the past few years a greater response to breast cancer and other diseases that affect women disproportionately has begun to be evident, though progress is slow. The University of California Davis Medical Center in Sacramento is participating with 45 other hospitals nationwide in a major 13-year study on women's health issues called Women's Health Initiative (WHI). The initiative is studying the leading causes of death and disability in women, particularly breast cancer, heart disease, and hip fractures. As a part of WHI, UCDMC will sponsor a 5-year study on breast cancer and diet beginning this summer. Women who wish to volunteer for this or other studies can call the initiative's recruitment hotline at (916) 734-

0130.

Also in Sacramento, the Lambda Community Center has begun a program of support for lesbians dealing with health issues. Health, Education and Awareness for Lesbians (HEAL) will eventually include education, sensitivity training, family support for partners and kids, household help, advocacy, transportation, and referral services to legal, social and medical resources. HEAL is just getting under way, but the center will need help in the form of donations and volunteers if the program is to become viable and grow to fit its vision. (To volunteer, call Rhonda at (916) 442-0185.)

In the Bay Area there is support for women facing breast cancer through several organizations. Lyon-Martin Women's Health Services provides education and referral services as well as a general health clinic for women and can be reached at (415) 565-7667. Breast Cancer Action, also in the city, sponsors support groups, fundraising, referral services, advocacy events and rallies, as well as an updated legal and legislative library. Their contact number is (415) 922-8279. The Women's Cancer Resource Center in Berkeley also provides a wide range of services (510) 548-9272. Further Bay Area resources can be accessed through a publication called "Breast Cancer Resource Guide" put out by the Better Health Foundation (415) 775-5921.

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Wiccan or "witches' wisdom" gatherings like these are only part of the lesbian spiritual community. A trip to local bookstores reveals that we are also interested in Shamanism, astrology, Goddess worship, gnosticism, the Eastern religions, Judaism, and black Madonnas. Our opportunities for collective faith have changed dramatically since the Metropolitan Community Church (MCC) and the Susan B. Anthony coven first sprouted alongside the lesbian-feminist movement of the 1970's. Lesbian spirituality was a force to bring society to a maternal, life-nurturing state. It was a means of fighting the greater monetary and physical resources of patriarchal institutions.

Today, what seems most similar about the variety of lesbian beliefs is simply that they uplift women who love women. Within that context, they all foster our selfhood, reach out to our extended families or communities, and continue to engage the world that lies beyond us.

### ***Earth my body, Water my blood, Air my breath, Fire my power***

Stedney Phillips was involved in various "ex-gay" Christian movements before she came to River City MCC. It helped to settle her, she says, where she was, who she was, and to let her know that God was loving and available to her.

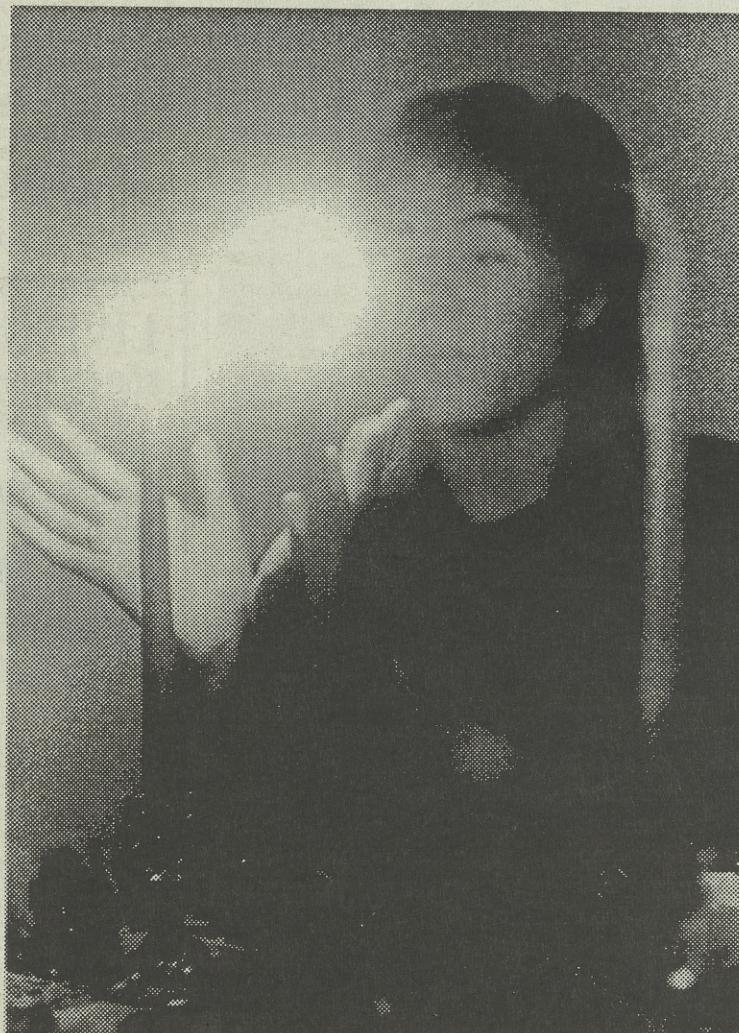
"I think that in our journeys we all need a touch of spirituality, and to me that means finding that relationship with God that our soul searches for," she says.

Within the spiritual groups to which lesbians belong, we seem, in different degrees, to be most comfortable with rituals that are led by women, are small enough to encourage intimacy, involve a freedom of movement and expression, incorporate feminine or gender-neutral images of the divine, explore ancient and feminine "herstories", and celebrate all forms of sexuality.

Teresa Coatlalopeuh used a feminist spirituality book to pick a new last name. "Coatlalopeuh"

**Today, what seems most similar about the variety of lesbian beliefs is simply that they uplift women who love women.**

by Christina Allan



incorporated her Aztec ancestry, the patron saint of Mexico (the Virgin of Guadalupe), and her mother's middle name. Although she is an active member of First Christian Church, she describes her spirituality as "free falling" and ever-present. It has taken her through difficult times, she says, and was something her grandmother helped cultivate.

Kristin Specht, a minister at a metaphysical church, Temple of Living Prayer, observes that lesbians sometimes "individuate their spiritual process, in the role of witch or shaman against the world, having to project and have forceful energy to make a place for themselves. Institutions are often identified as hostile." Our spirituality can remain intuitive, she says, which suggests that it may emerge in efforts we put into our relationships, jobs or anything else we care about.

### ***We are the power in everyone, We are the dance of the moon and the sun***

But even with a rich spiritual life, coming out is hard. Incorporating our personal spirituality into our peripheral communities of birth, religion, ethnicity or sexuality may be uncomfortable, even as it presents new opportunities.

Ellie Charlton has now been with her partner Jeanne for eleven years at St. Mark's Methodist church.

"When we first came out, I was in the church-closet in the gay community and in the lesbian-closet in the church community." They are now completely open about their relationship and Ellie says that many church friends are "like family."

After embarking on a study of ancient Goddess religion, Robi McGavin found that she was happiest in the Dianic feminist sector of the pagan community.

"I've done ritual for men, but it's not the place that fills up my reserve. It's not where I feel the safest or most moved. It feels a certain way with women."

Interestingly, most of the women I spoke to are not actively involved in the lesbigay community. Perhaps we find it more important to be accepted within our existing families, rather than leaving them for what appears to be a more homogeneous place. Michal Rechav-Anderson feels that much of the Jewish community is accepting of gays and lesbians, and she and her partner were married by Congregation B'Nai Israel's rabbi.

"You don't look down upon strangers because you were once strangers in the land of Egypt. You know how it feels to be different."

### ***We are the hope that will not hide, We are the churning of the tide***

Part of MCC's three-pronged doctrine is to fight for everyone's rights, secular and religious. Ellie also believes that she has a better chance of changing things from within the system. The institutionalized church has so much power in society, she says, that we have to change it to create a better life for gays and lesbians.

Other women, like Robi and Kristin, speak about changing the world in terms of altering consciousness or the connections that join the web of life. Teresa is a self-described woman's advocate/feminist and has spent much of her extra time involved in various resource groups.

Perhaps our power for change is most deeply rooted in our own memories.

"We have had to change," comments Kristin, "and discard many of our cherished notions about ourselves and the world around us."

Although our journeys may have been filled with pain and frustration, as spiritual people we still retain the ability to open our hearts and to see many individuals as also able to change. Our spirituality, with all its mystery, its power and its vision, therefore continues to be intimately linked to the struggle for a liberated and more feminine world.

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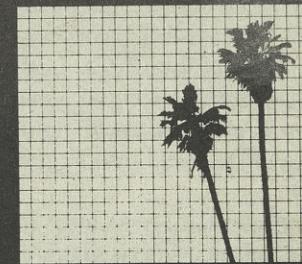
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# An Interview With Del Martin and Phyllis Lyon

by Michael R. Gorman

They participated in much that the rest of us can only read about. When Doctor Patty Robertson and Registered Nurse Sherron Mills decided to found a women's health clinic that would be a safe place for lesbians facing health issues, they of course named it after them: the Lyon-Martin Women's Health Services.

They are in the index of the pioneering work *Gay American History* by Jonathan Katz. Del Martin, pages 336, 424, 431, 637, notes 139. Phyllis Lyon, pages 336, 424, 637, notes 139. Their public history is a history they share. Their story is the story of two women in love whose love changed the world.

In their determination to make a safe place for themselves in a hostile world they, almost inadvertently, created a place for multitudes of lesbians. Their social activism was not so much a plan as it was a natural outgrowth of the inner strength and creativity of two extraordinary women.

The words often used to describe Del and Phyllis — pioneers, founders, authors, emancipators, activists — do not convey the joie de vivre that is evident when you

years of committed relationship. (42 years this Valentine's Day.)

Now in their seventies, ("A brief bio? We're in our 70's, Michael!") Del and Phyllis spoke to the *latest ISSUE* from their home in the Noe Valley section of San Francisco.

**Can you tell me a little background: where you come from, where you were born, that kind of thing?**

Phyllis: Go ahead, Del.

Del: Well, I was born in San Francisco.

Phyllis: In 1931. No, 1921.

Del: 1921. I graduated from George Washington High in 1937.

Phyllis: Now she's in the George Washington High School Hall of Merit. As an open lesbian, too.

Phyllis, are you from San Francisco too?

Phyllis: No. I was born in Tulsa.

**One night having cocktails and the subject of homosexuality came up, and I announced that I was one. And Phyllis was so enchanted (chuckle) . . . you can tell the rest.**

talk to them. They chuckle about founding "The Daughters of Bilitis," (pronounced Ba-LEE-tus) the first national lesbian rights organization, as a way of meeting other lesbians. They claim with gentle irony that becoming spokewomen had more to do with coffee than courage. They speak to and of each other with a quiet humor and respectful tenderness born of 42 incredible

In 1924. But I left when I was a little girl. Even at that age I knew I didn't belong in Oklahoma.

So actually, I grew up mostly in the Bay Area. I went to grade school in Oakland and junior high school in Berkeley. Then I went to Sacramento for high school, and I came back as a student at U.C. Berkeley.

**What were you studying?**

Phyllis: Journalism.

## The Power of Lesbian Love



Del Martin and Phyllis Lyon.

Rick Gerharter

Del: We were both studying journalism, though we didn't know each other at the time. I went to Berkeley for a year and then I went to San Francisco State.

Phyllis: But at different times. She's older than me. (a chuckle) **So how did you two meet?**

Phyllis: In Seattle. Seattle?

Phyllis: See how that goes? I was working on a newspaper up in

members of the press club, and we were there one night having cocktails and the subject of homosexuality came up, and I announced that I was one. And Phyllis was so enchanted (chuckle) . . . you can tell the rest. Phyllis: See I didn't know there were such things as lesbians, and I really was fascinated by that. So when I got home that evening, I called everybody that I knew, well not everybody, but all the women I knew, and told them that Del was a lesbian.

**So you outed Del all over town?**

Phyllis: Without realizing that I shouldn't do that.

Del: Fortunately it was no big problem.

Phyllis: It never came up after that. The only thing that happened was that one woman that I was close friends with, her husband said that she couldn't have anything more to do with me as long as I was going to have anything to do with Del. I wasn't about to dump Dell!

**Were you aware at the time what a courageous and political thing it was, Del's coming out and, Phyllis, your acceptance of that? Or was it**

**just a natural move for you? From my vantage point, I mean, 1950! That's incredible.**

Del: Well we lucked out. Nothing bad happened.

Phyllis: And we were not aware that this was anything courageous or political. I had sort of known a little bit about homosexuality, very, very little, in high school. There was a young man in my class who committed suicide, and the presumption that filtered through the ozone -- I don't remember anyone actually saying anything -- was that he killed himself because he was a homosexual. And I always thought of that as such an incredible waste.

Del: One of the things we noticed about our coming out is that it happens gradually. I came out to a co-worker when we moved back here to San Francisco. Back in those days they had these company parties and you were supposed to bring your husband or boyfriend. She just told the boss that he should invite Phyllis, and from then on, Phyllis was included.

Phyllis: And I had decided not to lie, because I knew I'd get all

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# Women in Business For Themselves

Self-employed women are an incredibly dynamic and hard working part of a lesbian community. They are the bookstore owners, the newspaper publishers, the hair dressers and the therapists. They are healers and construction workers. They work long and hard to fulfill their dreams of success -- whatever "success" means to them.

Following are interviews of a few business women and the results from last month's circulated survey by *the latest ISSUE* asking what drives these women to follow their hearts, dreams and wallets into the world of the self-employed.

**Tina Reynolds**  
Uptown Studios

Eighteen years in business providing graphic design, typesetting and printing services. "I have been creating printed materials from concept to completion since 1976. I have the ex-

perience that is necessary to give the client their money's worth and create realistic budgets on their project."

**Michelle Hewus**  
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## Joan Fountain

Trainer and Consultant

"Nothing bad happens . . . ever."

Joan Fountain has been assisting businesses in training and motivating employees for more than 9 years. "I go out and I open my heart and expose myself and then I just let the chips fall where they may. My goal in working for organizations who are going to terminate employees is to have zero hostile terminations. In the consulting area, I go in and help people find out what their diversity needs are for diversity programs. It's sort of like going and healing an organization."

Besides working for companies in need, Fountain hopes to pursue a more personally rewarding aspect of her business in 1995. "I'm trying to develop more in the spiritual mind, doing workshops. The workshop is called 'Toward a Healed and Inspired Heart.' It's about learning about our own issues, the deeper issues, and letting go of them and forgiving, and the power of forgiving and that process."

Fountain who is now openly lesbian in her business says she once tried to hide who she was, "I spent so much time in the closet I had coat hanger imprints on my behind. Finally it was like I can't do this. When I do get a contract, I like to get it honestly."

Fountain had some suggestions for other women who are thinking about becoming self-employed, "First of all, don't do anything for pay that you wouldn't do for free, ever, because you will only be prosperous either emotionally or economically when you do things from your heart and not from your pocketbook. Two, that the attitude of abundance must be consistent. I mean that they must know that when they're working from their heart that they will always have all that they need, when they are supposed to have it, and without fail."

In dealing with home life, Fountain says her life is her work, "I have a primary relationship and my primary relationship is with my work. Anyone who comes into my life and says, 'Joan, I would never have a relationship with you because you put your work first,' obviously is not the person for me."



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## Ciana Yniguez

Masako's Restaurant

"My name is definitely one that has been slaughtered."

Ciana Yniguez has worked in coffee houses and restaurants for years. She has many goals including finishing college and pursuing her art but this year her focus is on making her family business an incredible success. "I've been going to school my whole life and never quite finished it... but the age thing was starting to hit me. I'm in my thirties now and I kind of feel like I needed some sort of career identity. I'd like to work here at the restaurant until it gets on its feet. Then I'd like to go back to art school. I paint. I have a little studio set up that I worked in the summer before Masako's got going. It's just waiting there, waiting for me. But I've decided that just for now, I'm going to have to put it off to the side."



The business was the idea of her mother who recently retired, "She decided she still had some energy left so since she'd had a restaurant before, in the late 70's, she decided she wanted to do that again. I'd worked at the restaurant before. I was in high school at the time. My whole family worked there. It's still very family oriented."

Pride in the business that she helped create radiates from Yniguez as she speaks of the products and atmosphere of Masako's, "There's lots of love and heart and soul put into the food here. We have a lot of vegetarian items on the menu. All of our soups are cooked here. It's all vegetarian stock. The menu goes from Spam sandwich to Zen plate, so there's just a wide variety of menu items. We also offer beer and wine, which none of the other coffee houses offer. Oh yeah, and good coffee."

As with the other women interviewed, Yniguez feels the long days and the hard work, "We're open until eleven during the week and midnight during the weekends. It's pretty exhausting. It's pretty long day, a long week. My relationship with my dog and my cat are failure right now."

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## Jolanne Tierney

Owner of Jammin' Jo's and Legislative Bill Delivery Service (LBDS)

"This was a dream of mine. I've had this dream forever. And I did it."

Jo Tierney is a partner with the Legislative Bill Delivery Service of Sacramento and has worked in the business for nearly thirteen years. Last year she decided to live her dream of owning her own lesbian bar and opened Jammin' Jo's. "I think if it's your dream -- if you really want to do something that you love, -- then go for it. You only go around once. I could get hit by a car tomorrow, but thank God I could say, I tried what I always wanted to do."

Being out as a lesbian in the world of legislative bill delivery has been a growth experience -- not only for Jo but most importantly for those who she's taught that hard work and good service has nothing to do with one's sexual orientation. "I wasn't different because I was a lesbian, I was just a very hard working and caring individual. I'm one of the fortunate ones. I've been accepted by all my business associates and all the people I've met in the legislative world. I've never had any clients have a problem with it."

While still active as a partner at LBDS, Tierney is pursuing the dream of a thriving women's bar in a time where women's bars, even in San Francisco, seem to rise and fall quickly. "San Francisco provides a very business oriented lesbian community now. It seems like there's more professional lesbians who, if they're going to go out, they're only going to go out once in a while."

It takes every ounce of my heart and soul to keep this place going right now, but I wouldn't change it. When I'm 65 years old and I'm looking back, hopefully I'm celebrating 35 years of Jammin' Jo's, but when I look back I can say, hey, I did my dream. I think it's really important that we're happy in every respect of our lives. The biggest words of wisdom in starting a new business and becoming self-employed is to be prepared to work your ass off."



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## MARTIN-LYON

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fouled up.

I'm out because I can't keep the story straight?

Phyllis: Exactly. I knew I would blow it. So I'd just talk about what Del and I did: we bought a car, we bought an electric blanket. I just chattered away about things, and eventually the women put two and two together and one of them finally asked me. And I said yes. And they said, "We just wanted you to know that it's okay, that we don't care."

Del: People who knew us and were our friends knew us as a couple and liked us and just accepted us.

Phyllis: Though we didn't have problems making heterosexual friends, we were having a hell of a lot of trouble making lesbian friends. There were a lot of gay bars and lesbian bars in the city then, and we went to them, and everybody seemed to know each other. We were really shy and...

Del: I know it's hard to believe that.

I was going to say . . . excuse me?

Phyllis: We couldn't really get up enough nerve to walk over to a table and say, "Hi, my name is so and so and we're from blah blah . . . so we just sat around and watched them. Oh, and we didn't tell you that as soon as we moved in together, we moved into an apartment on Castro. In 1953.

You guys were ahead of your time in everything! Well, Del and Phyllis have moved onto Castro Street, I guess we better start moving in.

Phyllis: Yeah, twenty years later. It was very different then.

It was an Irish Catholic neighborhood then, wasn't it?

Phyllis: Yes. But we did meet a couple of gay guys that lived around the corner. So we became friends with them and eventually they introduced us to this one lesbian.

Del: One of them was a bartender, so he had been in contact with people.

Phyllis: And that was it. She was the one who called us in September of 1955 and said, "How would

you like to be part of a group that's going to start this secret lesbian social club?" She said, "There's six of us." And we said, "OF COURSE!" We knew immediately we were going to meet five new lesbians. That really expanded our social circle. And that's how we got started.

So much for political altruism. (chuckles)

Who was the woman who called you?

Phyllis: Her name was Nani.

Phyllis: So The Daughters of Bilitis officially began in October of 1955. Later that year we discovered that the Mattachine Society had started. We were not, as some have suggested, the women's auxiliary to the Mattachine Society.

So how did the Daughters of Bilitis evolve from a purely social group to a more political force.

Del: As we expanded our membership and as we held discussion groups, what would today be called consciousness-raising groups, we started thinking about how we could help each other and

also how we could reach out to the public and educate them about us. And that's when we started "The Ladder" which was the magazine. That was 1956. Also, we started holding public discussion meetings in a downtown hall. At those meetings, lesbians and gays could come to meetings and be part of the public. We got professional people to come and speak to validate us, to tell us what our rights were and that we weren't sick. We were facing the issues of our being illegal, immoral and sick. We didn't have the word homophobia, but it was certainly there.

Phyllis: Internalized and external. And because people thought there was something wrong with them, they thought they didn't have any rights. It wasn't illegal to BE homosexual, it was only illegal to do certain sexual things. People would get arrested and plead guilty just because they were gay. Helping people gain some self-esteem was one of the primary things we were involved in in the beginning. It's hard to have a movement if everybody thinks they're really rotten.

Del: We figured that self-acceptance was the key; once you accepted yourself, then you could cope in a hostile society.

So how is it that you two had enough self-esteem that you could be leaders? Where did that come from?

Del: People always ask us, "How come you were so courageous?" At the very first meeting we had where we had other people come, Phyllis and I found ourselves there talking to the newcomers because the other six were out making coffee. That's how we became the leaders.

You became the leaders because everyone else was out making coffee! Sort of a lesbian cooperative coffee-making thing.

Del: How many lesbians does it take to make coffee? They didn't know how to handle having newcomers and neither did we. The things is, we liked the challenge. We met a lot of people, and we grew in the process.

Phyllis: And we had always been political, even before we met. Not around gay issues, of course. I didn't even know about that. We were both Democrats. We both had supported Henry Wallace up until the day of the election. We voted for Truman. We supported Adlai Stevenson. Twice. Both of us were pro-union. We were aware of what was going on in

the world. We were aware of civil rights. It made sense to step into the issue of gay civil rights.

Del: And we grew up in the Depression Era and the era of FDR and Eleanor, and certainly Eleanor was a great role model. But the membership of DOB as a whole never moved out into the political realm. We saw it as a coming out place.

When did Daughters of Bilitis expand out to the rest of the country?

Del: We never expected to have a massive membership. In those days women were afraid to be on the mailing list. Jo Daily, the woman who took "The Ladder" in Washington DC would read it to the women who would come over each month when it arrived. She wouldn't let it out of her house.

Phyllis: In 1960 we had the first ever national lesbian conference here in San Francisco, and at that point we became a national organization.

What was your relationship with the men's community?

Del: At the convention we honored some of the men who had helped us by giving them an SOB card: Sons of Bilitis. Some of them are still carrying them.

Did you know Jose Sarria, founder of the court system?

Phyllis: We were duchesses in his first court. He did a sit-down dinner for 30 people.

Del: We used to go to the Black Cat where he performed.

How long did the Daughters of Bilitis last?

Del: It ended in 1970.

Phyllis: Well, it lasted a little bit longer than that, honey, because the San Francisco chapter didn't give up the ghost until about 1976.

Del: But as a national organization, it was over in 1970. We do have one chapter left.

Before I forget, where does the name come from?

Del: It comes from the "Song of Bilitis" by Pierre Louis. Bilitis was supposed to have been on the island of Lesbos at the time of Sappho.

Phyllis: And the reason that name came up is that during our last organizing meeting, Nani, the woman who got us involved, suggested that we call ourselves The Daughters of Bilitis because it wouldn't mean anything to straight people, and it would mean something to lesbians. I doubt that 'cause we had never heard of it before. And she said if anyone asks us about it we can

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# Rumor Has It

by Stephanie Carlisle

The rain has drained my brain. Let's hope the month of hearts and flowers brings some sunshine into our valley-fogged lives. Don't let the fact that roses may be priced at nearly \$100 a dozen get you down. Put those artistic, creative and gay imaginations to work making this the best Valentine's month ever!

Love is in the air (for everyone but Steph), and amorous intentions are making themselves known.

\* Steven Martinez has been on cloud-nine for a couple weeks now, giddy with affection for Tom O'Connor. Could there be Springtime wedding bells for these two? Enquiring minds MUST know.

\* Empress Racine was in rare form at CGNIE's meeting at

Faces on Feb. 7. Referring to the courtesans as the "Prozac legion," her highness announced that she is "gonna stop doin' drag" after April's coronation. Yeah, right. Seeing is believing, but can anyone imagine a good drag show in Sactown without Racine?

\* Stan Carlsen would like to extend Valentine's greetings to three (?) recent dates: Frank Knoth, Guy MacIntire and Robby McEntee. Let's hope for Stan's sake it's not three strikes, you're out!

\* Hail and farewell to court member and former softball player Donnie Frazier, who is relocating to Sioux Falls, South Dakota. Maybe CGNIE can be persuaded to name him the first Ambassador to South Dakota.

\* Come one, come all... Ernie Brown is throwing his annual Pisces party at the Mercantile

Saloon on March 13 at 4 p.m... whoever told me that Ernie was 70 years old better get a life. He'll be celebrating his 64th as the Prime Pisces of ALL Sacramento.

\* The Town House has a great karaoke bar on weekend evenings. Its upstairs where the atmosphere is very friendly.

\* The Sacramento Kings will be raising money for AIDS on February 18. Those of you who remember a similar event put on by the San Francisco Giants last summer know how successful and positive an experience it is to have athletes raising money and awareness for AIDS. Ticket information can be had at 928-3653, or at the Arco Arena box office.

\* Thanks to Terrika Stayne for the wonderful fun Superbowl party, and for not getting too messy drunk...YEA NINERS!

\* More V-Day wishes: Chuck P. & Brad; Curt H. & Kurt L. I do wish people would let their full names be printed. Why not come out in black and white?!



Executive Director of the Sacramento AIDS Foundation, Keith Smith, receives a check for \$2,142 from Donald Covell at the Townhouse after a fundraiser in memory of Gregg Cranert.

\* Happy February birthdays to Kurt Masters and Will Crews.

\* Capital Quarterly will be having a Riverboat Cruise on March 26, from 4 to 6:30 p.m. Great place to meet other gay men and lesbians and party down! Tickets available for \$26. Call Fred at (916) 682-4939. Tickets

also available at CARES, the Sacramento AIDS Foundation and the Lambda Center. Part of your ticket money will benefit these three groups.

Finally, to my pet cockatiel Hearts...since she came into my life two Valentine's Days ago... love you, kiss-kiss!

## MARTIN-LYON

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say we're a poetry group. So we thought that was a good idea. Nobody had a better idea. If we had known that we were going to have to explain it for the next thirty years...

In addition to their history-making work with The Daughters of Bilitis, Del and Phyllis became involved in most of the major gay and lesbian civil rights events in San Francisco in the 60's and 70's. On January 1, 1965, they attended the infamous ball to raise funds for the Council on Religion and Homosexuality, a coalition of straight ministers and seven gay organizations and the first gay rights organization to be given a 501-C3 tax exempt status. It was a drag ball featuring Jose Sarria and others and was raided by the police. Ministers in attendance held a press conference the next day, and their denouncement of the city's mistreatment of gays made headlines around the world. As a result, Mayor John Shelly appointed the first police liaison to the gay and lesbian community. Phyllis and Del consider the ball the beginning of gay political action in San Francisco.

In 1966 they attended the first national conference of gay and lesbian organizations in Kansas City. That led to the National Coalition of Homophile Organizations. ("NACHO!" laughs Phyllis.) In that same year they participated in a national protest on Armed Services Day. They were protesting the mistreatment

of gays and lesbians in the armed services. In 1966.

In 1976, Del wrote a book about domestic violence called Battered Wives. Another book, Lesbian/Woman which they wrote together in 1972 is now out in a 20-year anniversary edition.

Del: We have seen so many changes. Things that have happened are things that we never could have dreamed of when we first started out. Historically you don't bring about as many changes as we have in just 40 years. Even with the move to the right in this last election, we still had a Lavender Sweep.

Phyllis: One of the things that we have been aware of from the beginning is that nobody has the answer to how we're going to get to where we want to be as a movement. Therefore, we need to use ALL the avenues that we can. We need people who are in your face and blatant and we need people who are quiet and working. We need people who are inside organizations and institutions and we need people who are outside. We need people to work within mainstream politics and people to work outside.

Del and Phyllis thought "lesbian chic" was fun if a little frivolous. They think the controversy over the lesbian kiss on Roseanne was stupid. They haven't seen "Boys On The Side" yet, but they love Whoopi. They attended a viewing party for "The Margarethe Cammeyer Story" which was also attended by Margarethe. A quiet retirement does not seem to be a part of the plan.

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# Movies

## A Look at the Wilde Life and the Dead Life

by Chris Narloch

The spirit of Oscar Wilde, the late, great gay writer, lives on in "A Man Of No Importance," a new film of considerable importance to fans of gay cinema.

This bittersweet comedy, from Ireland, tells the story of middle-aged Alfie (Albert Finney), a repressed homosexual bus driver who delights in entertaining his passengers with selected readings from Wilde and who has a serious crush on another driver, a man young enough to be his son.

Finney (star of the classic "Tom

Jones") finds a role almost as rich in Alfie, a lonely romantic who dreams of mounting a production of Oscar Wilde's "racy" play, "Salome", in conservative 1960's Dublin. Nevermind that he has only a cast comprised of his friends and neighbors, Alfie has faith -- in the theater and in love. The movie is about the way art and literature can transform an

ordinary life and make it worth living. The passion this "unimportant" man brings to his work -- entertaining his riders with quotes and jokes from Wilde -- says a great deal about the power of human beings to transcend their surroundings and connect with other people.

That Alfie is fond of Robbie, a handsome young co-worker, is apparent early on as the two men chide each other on shared breaks. When we catch our hero alone in his room a little later in the film, dressed as Wilde, and kissing a picture of Robbie, we know he is in love. That Alfie is a virgin, and his beloved appears to be straight, only makes the attraction more poignant (it's a tribute to Finney's skill as an actor that a character that could have become pathetic is never less than charming.)

When Alfie finally comes out to himself, he does it in a manner as exaggerated as his theatrical performances. You can't help but laugh when he walks down the street and in to a gay bar decked out like Oscar Wilde for all the world to see (in a cape, patent leather shoes, a fedora, ruffles, a walking stick and, to top it off, a green carnation.) The result, as is sometimes the case in life, is less than a success and provides this amusing movie with one of several heart-breaking moments.

Albert Finney brings a wealth of emotion and a passionate con-



Albert Finney and Rufus Sewell in "A Man of No Importance."

viction to the part of Alfie, especially in a scene near the end of the movie where he summons the guts to tell off a homophobe in the middle of the street in front of his friends and neighbors. All of his romantic schemes may not come to fruition, but Alfie's not about to give up on them. When his passengers find out he's gay and don't care (because they love his great big hammy heart), that comfort is its own reward.

The movie's ending is a whole lot sunnier than that of Oscar Wilde, and this modest yet entertaining film says that "the love that dare not speak its name" deserves, like Alfie's green carnation, to be worn with pride.

### The Quick and the Dead

Some movies are so gloriously bad, they're actually enjoyable -- "The Bodyguard" and "Mommie Dearest" come immediately to mind. Then there are films like Sharon Stone's new Western, "The Quick And The Dead" -- It's just plain bad.

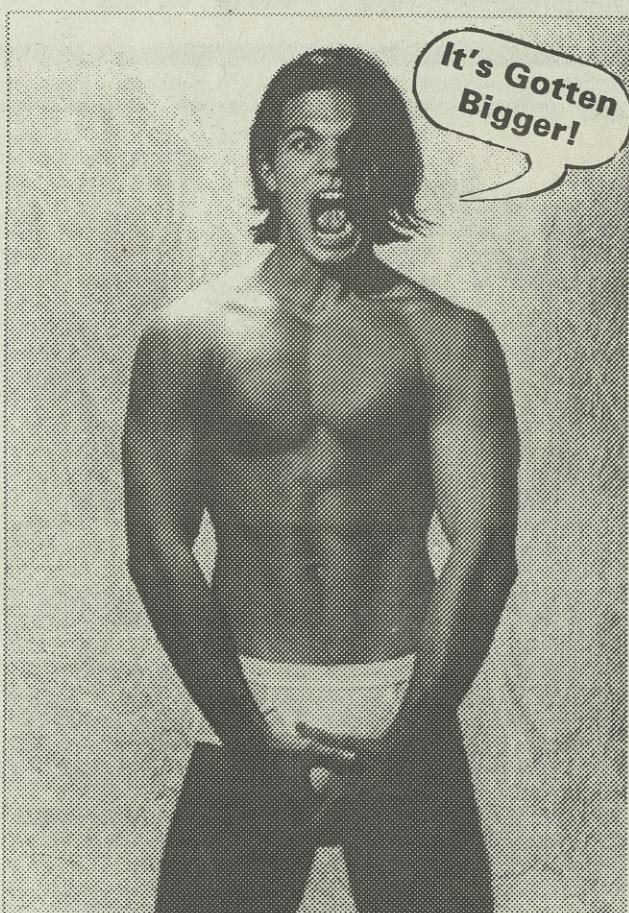
Stone continues her hot streak of not being able to read a script with this tedious tale of a female gunslinger with a past. She rides into a dusty town called Redemption (get it?) at the start of the flick, ostensibly to enter a quick-

draw contest. Her true motive, however, is to kill the town bully (played by Gene Hackman), a man so evil he challenges his own son to a duel.

Hackman's character holds the key to Stone's troubled history -- as a child she watched her father die a horrible death and she is, of course, psychologically scarred. It's a typical revenge story, styled after Clint Eastwood's old "spaghetti" Westerns, with bizarre camera angles, hyperactive editing and a corny music score.

We get one duel after another for almost two hours, each one shot in the same repetitive manner. The whole thing is a few laughs short of a Monty Python skit, only no one let Stone in on the joke. Her fans should note that there is no sex in the picture, no beaver shots to wake the audience up (you'll have to wait and rent "The Specialist" to see her naked again.)

To their credit, Hackman and Leonardo DiCaprio give good performances as father and son -- their showdown is genuinely moving. So it's B-movie director Sam Raimi and B-movie queen Stone who sink the ship (she co-produced the movie.) It's not enough to plug a woman into the Western genre, you have to have some other ideas too.



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# Music

## Hearing Dreamy Soundtracks and Rave Reviews

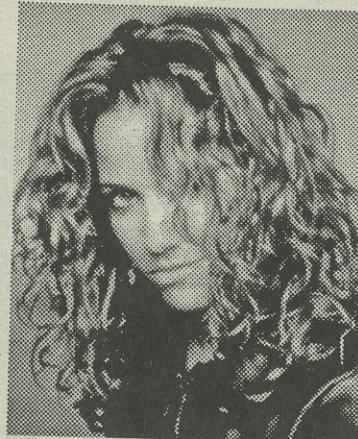
by Bill Peterson

The double-disc "Blondie: The Platinum Collection," makes it apparent that the women of today's music scene owe a lot to the ground broken by Debbie Harry and company.

While the competition was singing "Copacabana" and "Muskrat Love," Blondie was mapping out the New York new-wave scene on early work like "Rip Her to Shreds" and "Dinis."

In 1980, at their chart peak, "Rapture" first exposed lots of us suburbanites to the burgeoning rap genre, while "The Tide is High" broadened the scope of the band's sound, with its down-in-the-islands party feel.

"The Platinum Collection"



Sheryl Crow.

brings together Blondie's singles, along with the flip-sides, and several unreleased, early tunes. New re-mixes of "Rapture" and "Atomic" show that the songs fit in perfectly with the dance music of today. With style, attitude to burn, and classic songs, Harry paved the way for the sassy, self-assured woman of today's charts.

Speaking of standing the test of time, *Protection*, the second album from England's Massive Attack seems built to last. Opening with the title track, one of two outstanding collaborations with Everything But the Girl's Tracey Thorn, the album's sound, produced by Bjork/Soul II Soul producer Nellee Hooper, is both ex-

pansive and incredibly intimate.

With a laid-back tempo, the 10 tunes bring together ambient grooves, rasta rhythm and the spartan torchiness of Thorn's "Protection" and "Better Things." Comparing the new disc to the band's 1991 dance debut, "Blue Lines," bandmember 3-D sums it up, "This stuff isn't so dance floor as before, it's maybe more dreamy and soundtracky."

Dreamy & Soundtracky, huh? Well, the soundtrack to Whoopi



Massive Attack.

Goldberg's new movie, "Boys on the Side" could be considered just that, for any fans of (deep breath, here...) Bonnie Raitt, Me-



Melissa Etheridge.

lissa Etheridge, Indigo Girls, Sarah McLachlan, Sheryl Crow, Stevie Nicks and Joan Armatrading! Gathering the

cream-of-the-crop of today's female artists', "Boys on the Side" has lots to offer, both in the many re-makes and original tunes.

The covers are highlighted by Raitt's take on Roy Orbison's "You Got It." Chrissie Hynde and the Pretenders' version of Morrissey's "Everyday is Like Sunday."

McLachlan's twangy version of Tom Waits' "Ol '55" and Derek & the Dominos "Keep on Growing" as played by Crow. Crow also contributes one of the two original cuts, writing "Somebody Stand By Me" for Stevie Nicks. Oh, and did I mention that Whoopi also sings a hushed and quite moving "You Got It?"

## 50 Words or Less

### Smooth Grooves: A Sensual Collection (Volumes 1-4)

Just in time for those romantic spring eves, these four volumes contain plenty of... yeah, Smooth Grooves! So, dim the lights and set the mood for some "Fire and Desire." With the likes of Earth, Wind & Fire, Aretha Franklin, Teddy Pendergrass and the Isley Brothers, who could go wrong?

### Galore: Kirsty MacColl

Best-known stateside for her duet with the Pogues on the "Red Hot & Blue" benefit album, this collection spans MacColl's 15-year career, serving as a welcome introduction to her talents, highlighted by 1991's "Walking Down Madison" and the timeless "They Don't Know" (a hit for Tracey Ullman in the 80's).

### Vitalogy: Pearl Jam

Disc three from the Seattle band veers from the thrashing "Spin the Black Circle" to the sublime twang on "Better Man" and "Nothingman" with the odd sonic experiment (the haunting "Stupid Mop") tossed in for artistic credibility. Eddie Vedder rules the proceedings with his trademark tremolo voice.



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## BUSINESS

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veterinary housecall services for dogs and cats for more than 14 years and provides a wide variety of "well patient" and preventative health care services, some sick-pet services including some lab work and treatments. She feels that her services provide "convenience for owners; lack of stress for pets."

### Caroll Roberson

Body Wise International, Inc. An independent consultant for 16 months for the health and nutrition products company. "Body Wise is in the business of helping people take charge of their own health and their own financial future - in short, to take control of their lives!"

### Tasha Preston

Tasha's Tasha has been in business for more than 8 years and has recently opened a store in midtown Sacramento. The store features ethnic clothing, jewelry and home furnishings. She describes her store as "unique, exclusive, for lovers of natural fibers, primitive arts; one of a kind pieces from ancient cultures fashioned for the modern woman and man."

### Henrietta Lopez

Associates Hair Design Owner of the Associates for more than 10 years providing free con-

sultations -- a full service hair-styling salon. Lopez feels clients should patronize her business, "because they will be satisfied or money back guarantee. I really care about our customers."

### Roxanne Hardenburgh

Capital Bookkeeping and Tax Service

This businesswoman has been serving the needs of her clients for 14 years and is committed to "provide quality service on a timely basis, for reasonable fees."

### Joanne L. Moore

Sacramento Quick Print The shop has been under the direction of Moore for more than two years providing commercial printing services. She feels clients should choose her business for all their printing needs. "I treat my customers as I would hope to be treated." (The store is also a generous supporter of the gay and lesbian community.)

### Dianne Petry

Stay in Touch

Petry has been providing massage services for two years, specializing in Swedish massage and Chakra balancing. "My philosophy is to provide a relaxing, soothing, and nurturing environment in order to achieve a full body massage for healing and health benefits."

### Janet Barnes

Jan Mar Cleaning Service With 11 years of business expe-

rience, Barnes feels her clients looking for cleaning services for home or office should choose Jan Mar because, "I'm good at what I do. I do the best at each job and I offer safety and confidence to the gay and lesbian community."

### Avanti Centrae

A Healing Experience Avanti has provided bodywork, breathwork and hypnotherapy services through her business for more than 4 years. "I use techniques that work!"

### Elly Youmans

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Youmans has run her vacation rental business for 1 1/2 years and has dedicated 16 years to her interior design work. She feels what makes her business better are "nicer rentals, special treatment and experience."

### Lori Townsend

Napa Valley Bike Tours Napa Valley Cyclery Inc.

Townsend has owned the bike tour company for more than six years and has recently purchased the attached bike store, providing tours, rentals, bike sales and service. Her business philosophy is "Treat everyone like you would like to be treated."

### Anne Lindquist

Bangs Hair Studio

Lindquist opened her own hair salon more than five years ago. Her success is based not only on her talents as a stylist but her ability to manage her business. "To be self employed one needs to be willing to commit to time, energy, enthusiasm, and finances, many times one has to wear all hats in their business; the clerk, janitor, banker, etc."

### Sandy Virago

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Virago has been providing data base administration, meeting planning and organizational management services for three years. She provides, "Quality care for an organizations with many diverse needs."

### JoAnn Milligan

Cathy Ann Intemann Constant Cravings

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### Sherri Jordan

Moment Of Touch Jordan describes her business as a sensual and sensuous gift store selling self indulgent supplies. She feels that people should patronize her store because, "we care about them and take time to make sure they are happy with their purchases."

### Barbetta Lockart

Barbetta's Beads and Art "We like to have fun and want our customers to do so also when they visit us," says Barbetta of her store. Besides beads and jewelry, the store also carries a fine collection of tribal /ethnic art for sale, along with fine art by local artists.

### Marsha Oritt

Consolidated Investment Services

Thirteen years in business, Oritt provides tax preparation, stocks, bonds, mutual funds, insurance,

living trust, and more. "I do the best I can for all my clients. I am in for the long haul and try to treat all the way I'd like to be treated."

Carla Leek  
Sharon Marques

Mary's Annex

This new shop has been open for four months featuring retail and consignment gifts. "Our location is convenient with plenty of free parking and we guarantee you can buy a gift for under \$20."

Michele Swanberg  
Swanberg's Clothing

Open more than 10 years, Swanberg's carries natural fiber clothing and antique furniture and collectibles. Their goal at Swanberg's is "To provide great service with a smile, interesting things to look at goods at reasonable prices."

Christine Schmidt  
Schmidt Consulting

This marketing company driven by Schmidt focuses on reaching the gay community nationwide. She feels more businesses can benefit from her services because, "getting professional advice and service on how to effectively reach the lesbian, gay, and bisexual community can save your business from overspending your valuable marketing budget."

Kate MacKenzie, L.C.S.W.

Healing through psychotherapy and group work for six years, MacKenzie provides services for individuals, couples and groups, lesbian relationship groups and workshops.

years of war in Vietnam. The risk of a traffic accident is far more direct and immediate than the results of HIV infection, but we take deadly risks behind the wheel every day. Like it or not, it's human nature.

The unpleasant truth is that no AIDS prevention campaign will ever be 100% successful or even come close. Despite the best effort that could be imagined--and we're a long way from it--there will always be a significant number of new infections because risk-taking is as natural to the human species as breathing.

That doesn't mean we should give up on HIV education, but it does mean that no matter what we like to think, prevention will never be more than a partial, stopgap answer to AIDS.

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# Street Whys?

by Steven Luse

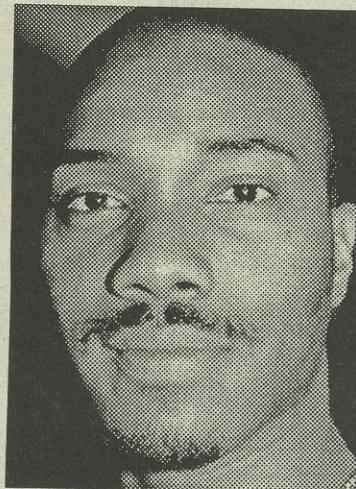
## What brought you out tonight?

Asked at Faces on a Wednesday Night



**Tabitha Roth**

"To socialize and have some fun."



**Mark Teemer**

"Because of a friend. I came out to see cute boys."



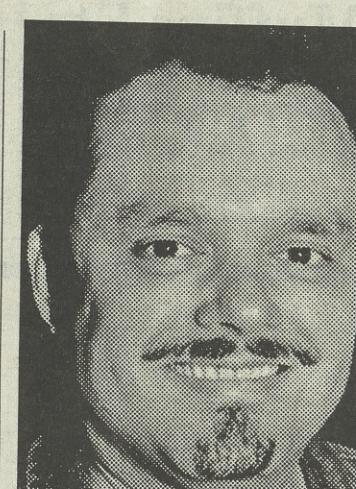
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# Horoscope

by C. Lichtenstein

February offers new insights with the Sun in intuitive Pisces, but misdirected communication could occur with retrograde Mercury. We feel inwardly in tune, but we are not expressing our feelings effectively. No matter, in the month of love, no words need be uttered.

### ARIES

Allow yourself to pull back from the world. Meditate to seek the answers from deep within. Friends cannot be relied upon. They don't understand you and vice versa. No matter, you are more than able to forge your own way and don't need anyone to hold you back.

### TAURUS

Taureans give a royal wave as they hold court in their social circles. The royal "we" must mingle and express our ideas and opinions, but "we" must be careful of throwing pearls before corporate swine. If communications are misinterpreted, "we" will find ourselves losing in the Bull ring.

### GEMINI

There is the off chance that the opinions that you force on others may be heard, but you can make your point far more convincing by speaking softly and sprinkling your words with a little sugar. Career advances are made at the end of the month. Is it the light at the end of the tunnel or an oncoming train?

### CANCER

Money is better spent on a course of study which may enable you to improve your credentials and do some good for us out there. The path to true lust may not run

especially smoothly this month. Be careful of how you express your more exuberant emotions so they are not misinterpreted.

### LEO

Is it possible that Leos seem even more excessively overbearing than usual? It is best to avoid any interviews or "first encounters" and concentrate more on those who know and love you anyway, warts and all. You don't mean to be obnoxious; it's just that you know you are fabulous and want to inform everyone else. Talk about proud!

### VIRGO

Relationships improve if you are willing to take a more balanced view of the situation. (This will be music to Virgo's ears, but remember that it takes two to tango!) Plan all job tasks carefully -- you waste too much time because of wayward subordinates.

### LIBRA

Although most people consider you disorganized, you may now surprise even your most ardent critics. Get your job tasks in order. Sadly my dear, there is no time to relax and party. The planets conspire to make any enjoyable pursuit too annoying to be savored and friends too overbearing to be tolerated. Work now, party later.

### SCORPIO

Feel trapped? You may face an almost overwhelming temptation to do anything to escape the confines and the annoyances of your home. If you need to let loose and have a little fun, do it calculatedly and conservatively. It is in bad taste to burst upon the scene in flames and expect a warmer

reception.

### SAGITTARIUS

Quiet, reflective time away from others may be just the thing right now as the planets make communication with others difficult or disruptive. Poor old Sagittarius may suffer from "foot in mouth disease" if not careful. Others know you don't mean it, but once a word is uttered, it is difficult to take it back.

### CAPRICORN

Do not listen to financial sob stories and don't be tempted to invest money based on a vague promise. It's a good time however, to put your money where your mouth is. Express your views grandly for the gay community. Despite what others may think, you can offer some sage wisdom and wise observation, if asked. I'm now asking.

### AQUARIUS

First impressions are lasting impressions, so be careful of not keeping properly preparing for an important meeting or interview. On the bright side, there could be a big tone. The payoff as investments seem to come into their own. I guess if you jugal breed can't make them love you at first sight, you can at least try to buy them off.

### PISCES

Be happy! The energy is too good to waste. Get out there and meet new people -- you never know what can happen! Do not allow friends to dissuade you and don't use your job as an excuse that you are too busy. This is the time of new beginnings so build carefully and deliberately for future success.

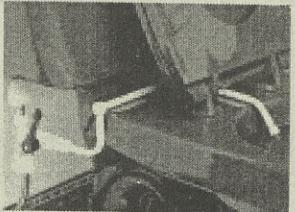
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# Off the Edge

## The Date Market: Open All Night! And Free Parking Too!

by Stacy Selmant

**B**y now, we've all survived Valentine's Day (OK, for 20 or so of you it WAS the Real Thing. Stop being so smug. The rest of us just don't care!)

With the holidays behind us, we have Sacramento's annual 12 minutes of Spring to look forward to before the whole place starts to feel like Death Valley at high noon. What always makes springtime in Sacramento such a perverse joy (besides laughing at boys with bluish biceps since they insist on wearing those clingy Hanes undershirts several months too soon) is the amazing amount of single babes who suddenly appear on the Date Market.

As you may have guessed, perhaps by our expectant, panting tone, This Very Columnist recently went through her own conjugal breakup. (And as part of our "Don't Do This At Home, Kids; Let Us, the Trained Professionals, Do It For You!" series, we tested the limits of everyone's endurance by continuing to live together for six months after the divorce. The results: It was Hell! Don't do it, kids!) Anyway, because of this change in marital status, we've had plenty of time lately to field test some dating rituals and do's and don'ts. Lucky for you, someone took neat notes.

### Newly Single Sex; How Much, How Soon?

Of course when you discuss sex, (and we know you will) especially topical areas such as how many times and on what furniture, you will get greatly different answers depending on the gender of the

ask-ee. For many women, ten sex partners in a year seems like a sleazy, intimidating total. "I feel like such a cheap harlot," you moan after viewing the after-effects of a closing time miscalculating from the night before, "I'm an utter tart! I don't even know her last name."

Whereas, the only guilt a man will feel will be to ask himself, in clueless bewilderment, the age-old question, "Damn. What is that ugly man doing in my bed?"

It's all in the perspective. Women can't help it. We're just trained to feel guilty if we act like sluts, no matter how much fun we might have had. For women there also appear to be two main categories: 1) Under 30 and Wild 2) Over 30 and Fearful and Apprehensive (based on some admittedly personal and sketchy observation).

Men have their own categories, such as: 1) Under 30, With All That Stamina and 2) Over 30 and Look, I Have a Job; I Can Pay For the Drinks! Enough generalization, on with the rules:

### "Girls Just Wanna Have Fun" Dating Tips

#### 1. Avoid potential dates exhibiting multiple personalities.

If you do date them, stop before you engage in coital relations (also known as the horizontal bop, for those of you who are verbally challenged). Once you see them

naked, they will never leave. (Just ask Bill Clinton.) Once you discover that -- besides being the assistant manager of World O' Chain Saws he/she also believes he/she is both Amelia Earhart AND the Lindberg Baby -- it may be difficult to disengage gracefully. Keep in mind that, if you are on the rebound, picking a true psycho for your "transitional" sex partner will ONLY make you immediate ex seem that much more alluring.

#### 2. Avoid dates located in womb-like environments.

This, we think, needs no explanation to those of you currently in therapy.

#### 3. Soon it will be a Buyers Market, Full of Women/Men in Need of IMMEDIATE Consolation.

Many couples in the last, doomed throes of a relationship choose to tread water through the holiday season, rather than face eggnog wars and family psychodrama at Uncle Arthur and Aunt Boo-Boo's -- alone. We understand. But, as a seasonal observation, we've noticed that a grossly huge percentage of breakups occur in March, April and May, just in time for Gay Pride Parade/Party Season.

Coincidental? Hmm. We don't THINK so! Take heart, single folk, because soon both the romantic discards and the discardees will ALL be trolling around, seeking attention and perhaps a nasty hug or two. It's a seasonal thing, so seize the day.

#### 4. In 3 months You WILL Have To Actually Make Conversation With Your Current Squeeze, so Choose Wisely.

Regrettably we've recently field-tested this phenomenon, and three months is the average time period when utter, consum-

We're just trained to feel guilty if we act like sluts, no matter how much fun we might have had...

ing lust ("Don't waste that mouth on talking!") wears off and you have to actually CONVERSE with what you caught. Sometimes you have to curse yourself for thinking with your crotch. From personal experience, we suggest that bright, creative types scrupulously avoid potential dates who majored in P.E. In other words, if your conversations with the Person With Whom You Have Spent Many Recent Fond Horizontal Moments are limited to sports, or the plots of television shows, face it -- it's time to move on. Run, don't walk away. Try again, more carefully and remember, everyone likes you in tight jeans.

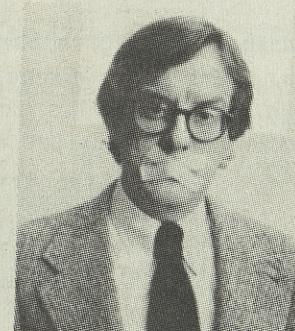
#### 5. When in Doubt, Wear Really Tight Clothes.

Marketing is important. Know what your assets are, and don't be afraid to display them prominently. (See tight jeans example, above.) My personal rule is: Amazingly Tight Sweaters Have Always Worked For Me. (Field tested this one, too. Yep. Still works like a charm.) So you don't look like Brad Pitt or Claudia Schiffer. Your dates probably don't either, so just relax, and hold in your stomach. However, if you honestly have NO redeeming physical assets, we suggest you purchase a really cool car. (It worked for a lot of lame guys in high school.)

After providing you with these edgy yet helpful hints, we feel

confident that you single and dateless readers have now been armed with new insights into the social scene. Go forth, have fun, multiply (long division is out, though, unless you're an amoeba). Personally, I'm on the way out to stock up on more tight sweaters.

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### FEBRUARY 15

LBGA meeting topic: Preparing Camera Ready Art - Speakers: Andy Markley - Art 101 and Tina Reynolds - Uptown Studios at the Lesbian and Gay Business Alliance, 7 p.m. at Carrows Restaurant, J & 28th. For more info call (916) 863-9733.

### FEBRUARY 16

Being Gay Today channel 17, 10 p.m. features and interview with Larry Hoover of the Lambda Center board.

### FEBRUARY 17

Baby with the Bathwater - presented by The Lambda Players plays six weekend performances at 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday nights at the Sierra Two Studio Theatre, 2791 24th St. off Broadway. \$10 advance, \$12 at the door. For more info call (916) 442-7752.

Dancing - at the Mirage on 15th & F Streets with new D.J. Warren "Kommission" High Energy/Underground/House dancing every Saturday from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. w/D.J. Joey. \$1 cover.

Comic Marilyn Pitman - "Love & Sex in the 90's". Opening for Ms. Pitman is Singer/Songwriter Joan Hawkins, at Jammin Jo's Sports and Dance Bar. For more info call (916) 457-7888.



### FEBRUARY 18

Sacramento AIDS Foundation Fundraising Night - Sacramento Kings vs Los Angeles Clippers at Arco Arena, 7:30 p.m. For Tickets call (916) 928-3653.

Lioness Books - Featuring Marie Cartier - Author of I Am Your Daughter, Not Your Lover. Reading & book signing at Lioness Book Store at 2224 J Street. (916) 442-4657.

Grand Ducal Red and White Ball, at Turn Verien Hall. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. with the show beginning at 7:30 p.m. (916) 441-6579.

### FEBRUARY 19

Sunset Tea Dance - at the Mirage on 15th & F St., Sacramento every Sunday night from 6 p.m. - 9 p.m. with D.J. Shirley. No cover. Free pool beginning at 9 p.m. during February and March. For more info call (916) 444-3238.

### FEBRUARY 20

Judy Grahn, Nisa Donnelly, & Linda Smukler - reading and signing their newest releases at Lioness Bookstore, 2224 J Street. Admission Free. (916) 442-4657.

### FEBRUARY 21

"Queer Son" will be shown and discussed at the Sacramento Chapter, Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays at 7:30 p.m. (916) 978-0410.

### FEBRUARY 22

Dart Tournament - Every Wednesday evening at the Mirage on 15th & F Streets, Sacramento. 100% payback/plus we throw in an extra \$50.00. For more info call (916) 444-3238.

### FEBRUARY 23

Being Gay Today, channel 17, 10 p.m. with "Outrageous."

### FEBRUARY 24

Wine, Cheese & Theatre - presented by "qHS prn" a new social and networking organization for Gay and Lesbian Health Care Professional of Central California. For more info call (916) 446-4582 for location and ticket information.

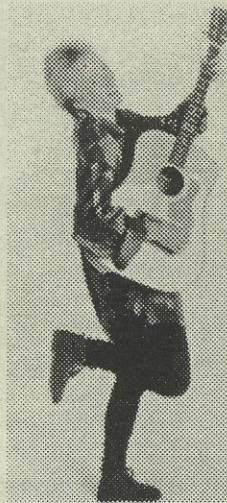
### FEBRUARY 24

Singer/Songwriter Dianne Davidson in Concert - at Jammin Jo's Sports and Dance Bar. \$8 adv and \$10 at the door. For more info call (916) 457-7888.

### FEBRUARY 25

Midtown Mardi Gras - A Masquerade Ball sponsored by the Gay & Lesbian Journey at St. Francis Social Hall at 26th & K St. from 8 p.m. to Midnight. Live music by Second Wind. Tickets \$10 advance, \$15 at the door. Call (916) 443-8084 for more info and ticket information.

Judy Fjell - Northern California songwriter will be joined by Crystal Reeves and Karen Almquist in three-part harmony at the Palms at 8 p.m. located at 726 Drummond Road in Davis. For more info call (916) 756-9901.



### FEBRUARY 26

AIDS Hospice - Channel 10 will present the new hospice in Sacramento which offers a haven for patients in the last stages of AIDS from 6:30 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Live Blues Music - On Sundays at Jammin Jo's Sports and Dance Bar. 6 p.m. For more info call (916) 457-7888.

### FEBRUARY 27

Lambda Freedom Fair Committee - meets at 6:30 p.m. at Lambda Center 19th & L. (916) 456-5820.

### MARCH 2

Being Gay Today, channel 17, 10 p.m. Repeats Fridays at 4 p.m. and Saturday at 10 a.m.

### MARCH 3

Erotic/Leather Fantasy Show - Prevue of Rainbeau's One Womyn Show from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. (Free). The Erotic/Leather Show starts at 10 p.m. and tickets are \$5 - \$10 sliding scale. (916) 457-7888.

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Fred Small - a benefit concert for Sacramento Educators for Social Responsibility at the Central United Methodist Church at 5265 H Street. He is an active voice for gay/lesbian rights. \$8 in advance, \$10 at the door. (916) 482-3018.

### MARCH 8

Cris Williamson & Tret Fure - performing at The Palms Playhouse in Davis. 8 p.m. \$16.50. For more info call (916) 756-8502.

### MARCH 10

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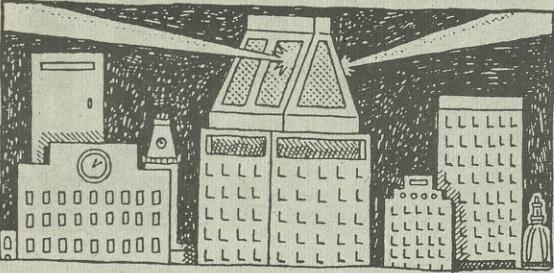
### MARCH 25

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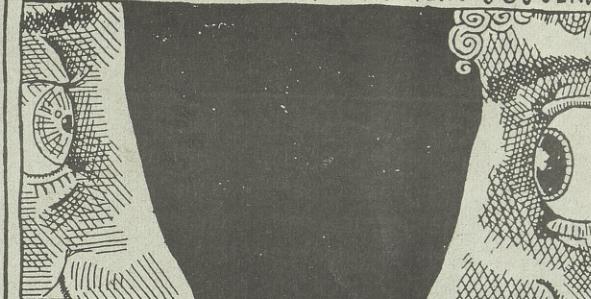
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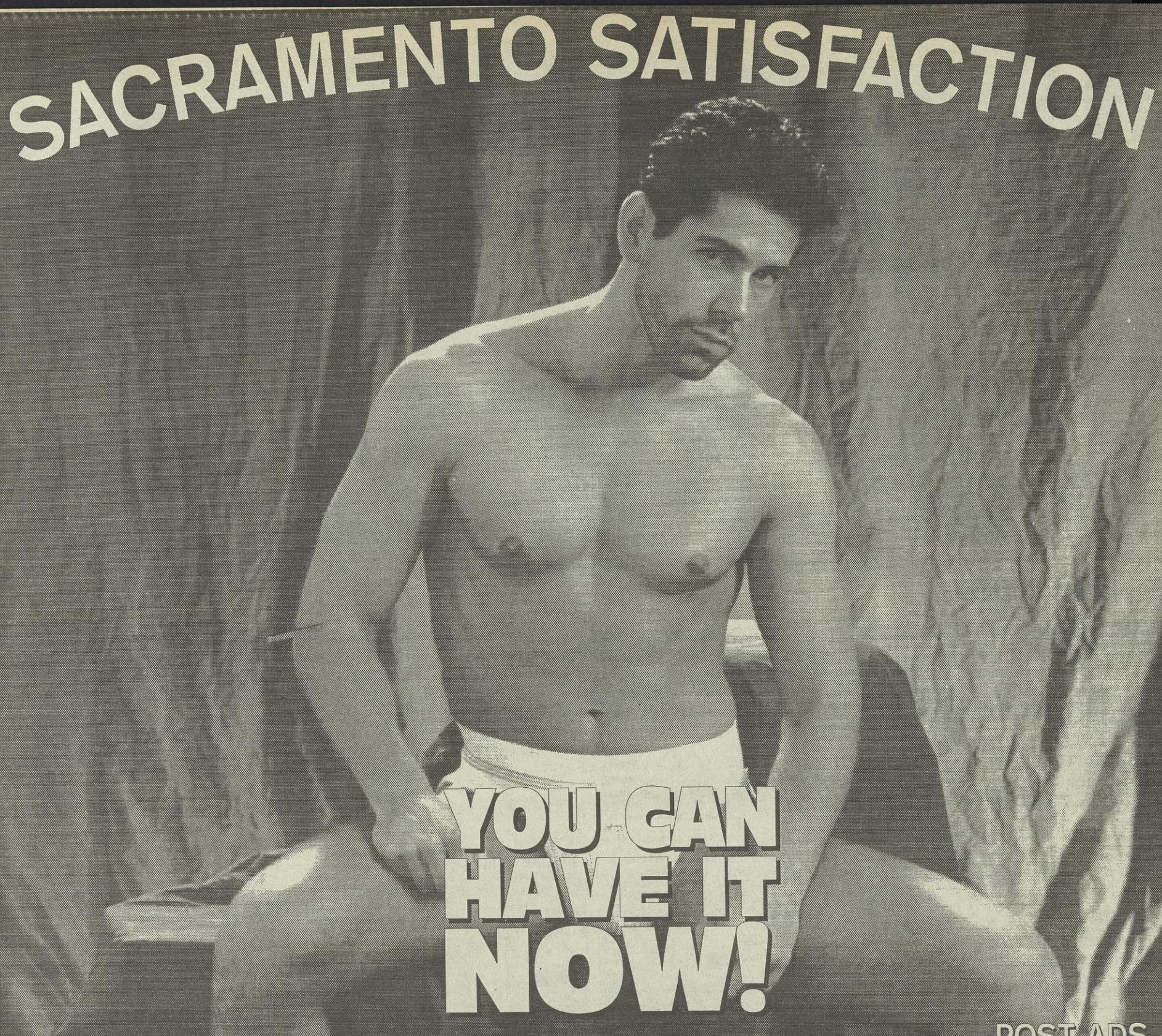
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**Sacramento LARGE BOTTOM MALE:** 24 Afr Amer iso real men in the area give me a call- #23862

**Sacramento DOWNTOWN AREA:** Michael, 35 WM 5'10 170, brn/blu int in meeting BM in the downtown area for good time maybe even rel, gdlkg good shpe, int in hearing frm you- #11068

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**Lake Tahoe CROSS DRESSING AND STUFF:** Jim 28, into looking for guys into something new, like to try cd and stuff, into it give me a call- #24582

**Sacramento LUNCHTIME FUN:** John, hisp male iso discreet encounters during lunch, iso professional endowed men, 20s - 40s for very well endowed, ready for service - #21107

**Sacramento TREAT ME LIKE A BABY:** Jim, looking for a GWM or couples to be my

daddy, like dressing up as a baby and treated like one, iso guys blnd blu wears 501, like sports, like outdoors, hope to hear from someone- #21642

**Sacramento TV OR TS:** SWM looking for passable TVs or TS, give me a call- ask for Greg- #1824

**Sacramento BI WM** Michael, 35 WM bi, gdlkg, in very good shape int in meeting bm 25-45, pls give me a call- #22138

**Sacramento ONCE OR TWICE OR MORE:** John, btm gy iso guys to get together with either just one time dates or long term lkg for 18-28 give me a call #3023

**Sacramento ON THE LIVING ROOM FLOOR:** GWC 37 and 22 like to meet other men or couples for fun in or out of the bedroom- #22250

**Sacramento SEAN PENN LOOKALIKE:** Jeff, 20 WM 5'8, 165, sports, athletics, look like Sean Penn fair skin avg build, just curious and inexperienced, lv a message- #22593

**Sacramento QUIET EVENINGS** looking to meet 30-45 into hiking mtns ocean love music, and quiet eves together, latino, 5'4, 130, #22874

**Sacramento POOL AND HOT TUB:** 2 GWM couple 40s, country dancers, fit outgoing own home, pool, hot tub trailer, lkg for someone 21-30 boy under 6' single fit, give us a call if ur int- #18033

**Sacramento DISCREET ENCOUNTERS:** lkg for trm wtm btm 24-35 for discreet encounter, married 31 bm gdlkg, #20834

**Sacramento WHITE HOT:** like to meet white ht btm 25-35, BM 6'1 gdlkg, married, 175, #20860

**Sacramento LUNCHTIME QUICKIES:** lkg for discreet prof'l well end'd for goodtimes, lunchtime fun, lv me a message- #21107

**South Lake Tahoe NEW TO AREA:** David, WGM 22, 5'9 150, new to area iso str acting 18-25 non smoker, if you like to have a good time give me a call- #17563

**Sacramento TV'S OR CD'S:** Louis, looking for TV, TS or CD in the area-25-60 5'7 160, hisp/ blk mustache med build, 40s- #18284

**Sacramento COUNTRY DANCERS:** 2 GWM country dancers 40s, fit, outgoing, own our own home with a pool, looking for a single wtm to date fit up to 38, to work into poss rel, int give us a call- #18033

**Davis POLITICAL DISCUSSIONS:** GBM 6'1, int in meeting others int in poli sci, music and reading int in having a nice eve and a good time give me a call- #16493

**Lake Tahoe NEW TO AREA:** Matt, 29, 6', 175, attr, in shape brn/brn like to meet in the area, surr area who like to have fun- #17105

**Redding TIED UP IN KNOTS:** iso someone to untie, them 29, 6'1 215, never been with anybody before so I'm looking for friendship poss rel who is discreet #16803

**Sacto HEY, SEXY TV'S:** Single WM 40 6' 180 brn/brn mustache, lkg for sexy TV in the area, u must be passable, discreet for a long term rel, bicurious, not into bar scene, want to spend qual time, hot fun, poss long term rel- #13050

**Sacramento XXX RATED,** Dennis 28: 6'2 brn/blu we can talk about the things you won't be sorry- #9927

**Sacramento EXCEPTIONAL TV,** Div WM 40 6' 175 brn/brn not into bars, smoker, looking for an exceptional TS or TV, sexy, leather to lace, pref subm or mildly dom, looking for long term rel- #13438

**Sacramento ALBERTO,** 24 6' like arts, musician, you can give me a call, we can talk and see what happens- #8270

**Sacramento BI MALES-** Paul bi looking for other bi males for get togethers and friendship, give me a call- #11516

**Sacto JACUZZI FUN,** cple 26 & 30 lkg for 18-25, just put in a new hot tub, good shape, looking to meet to have some fun, lv a message- #10760

**Sacto QUIET EVENINGS,** looking to meet 18-29, int are hiking, mtns, ocean, love music and quiet eves together HM or WM lv a message 5'10 180 brn/blu #13774

**Sacto MORE TO LOVE,** 43, 6'3 green/blnd 265, like to know if are any men in the area like a larger man, not looking for rel just friends now- #13824

**Davis MORE THAN ONCE,** Tom, Grad student 6'165, 32, blnd/blu, lkg to get together with guys in the area, one niter or perhaps more- give me a call- #13902

**Lake Tahoe STUD SKIER,** needs housing near South Lake Tahoe, 35, mature stable will be commuting, to SD half time well adj, hot horny mus 200 6'3 musc masc- #14085

**Sacto 22 GBM:** 140 seeks prof'l secure sincere sharing and romanti for friendship rel, shopper, like to dance, lv a message #9594

**Davis DEEP THROAT,** wanted clean disc males lay back and appr my oral skills no recip reqd #14464

**Sacramento GUYS OR COUPLES,** TONY, GWM 23 5'9 145, brn/brn iso guys or couples 25-35 for good times- #14493

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**Fresno COLLEGIATE ASIAN MALE,** Alvin, 21, 5'8 dk/brn, nice looking med built, looking for young int guys, race not

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FEMALE ONLY PERSONALS

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**Sacramento FEMININE TOPS:** Sue, prefer fem tops, early 40s, pretty attr, smart, good job, great place to live, like sports, like second hand store shopping, great dane, drink coffee, non drinker iso someone age appropriate taller the better, #28033

**Sacramento NEWLY SINGLE:** Michelle self empd hairdresser camping country music movies, like to meet for companionship, just got out of a marriage to another woman, 46 just looking for fun #30580

**Sacramento EXPLORE A LITTLE:** Tanya, looking for a bi female to have fun with, maybe explore a little, give me a call- #27625

**Sacramento BEAUTIFUL SMILE:** Christine, 25, single GF 5'6 brn blu good smile, size 16 hopeless romantic love to sing, talking, walks along the river quiet eves or nites iso romantic woman, easy going and enjoys the simple things in life- #32613

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